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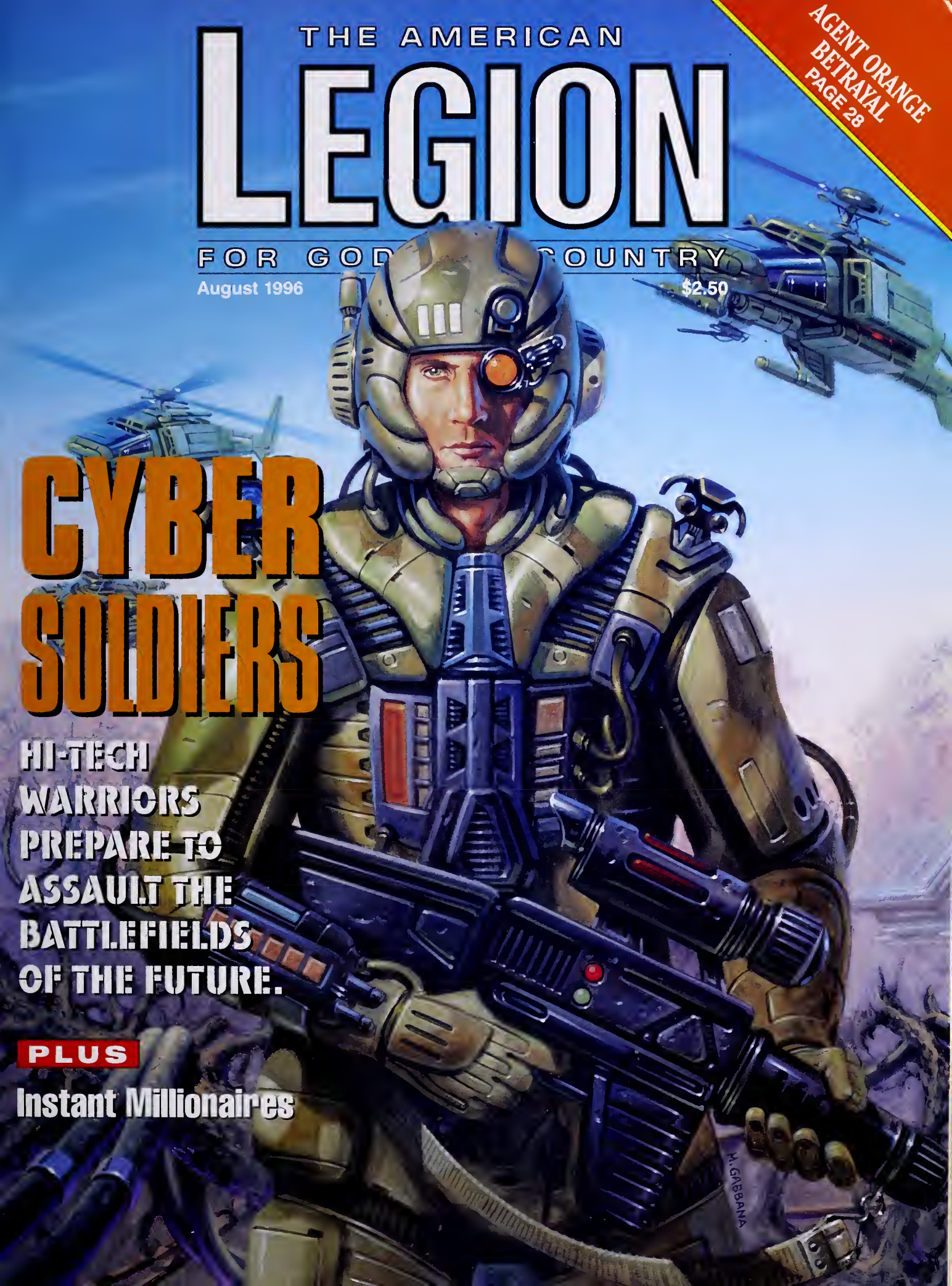
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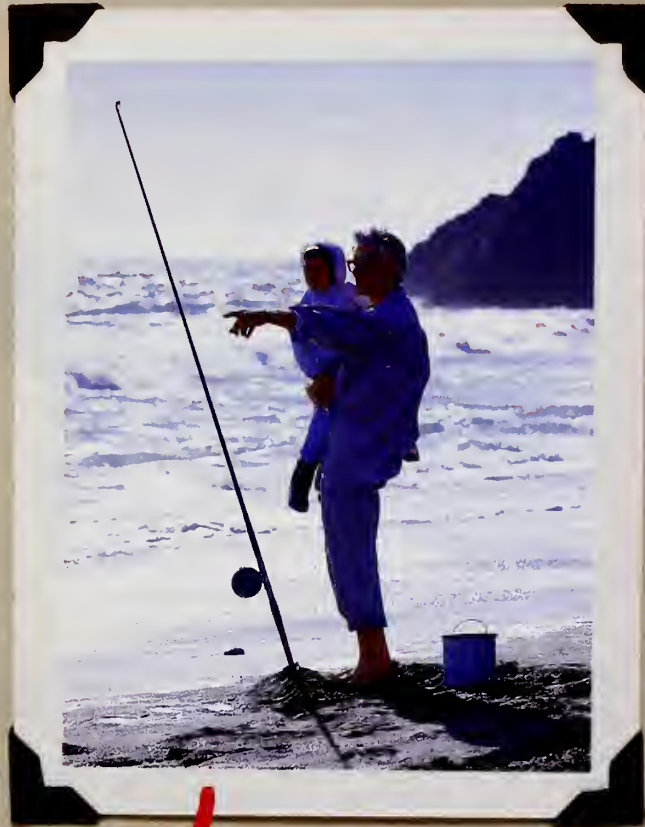




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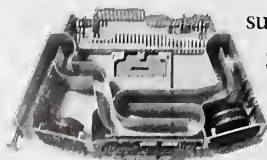
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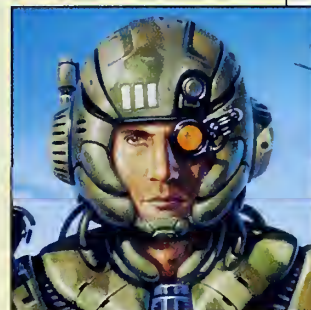
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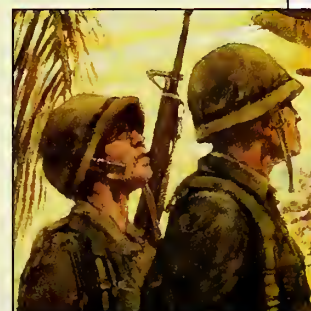
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## Carrying The Colors

Through all our great wars the flag represented our most forward positions. If the color bearer fell, it was the duty of those next in line to raise "Old Glory" so that our forces could see where stood the front lines of freedom and democracy.

One can only wonder if those legislators voting against the flag amendment ever served their country in combat or laid their lives on the line for our country's values held so dear by veterans and others. Surely their voting record may serve to guide veterans' voices and votes during the next election. Let's send them a message on Election Day: Revive the flag amendment and assure its eventual passage.

*Earle B. Fairchild  
Pleasantville, N.J.*

There was a very disturbing and offensive exhibit here in Arizona in the Phoenix Art Museum. As a definition of freedom of expression, they placed an American flag on the entrance floor to be walked on and they had an American flag draped over a toilet.

The dictionary describes "art" as elements in a manner that affects the sense of beauty. The function of an art museum is to promote enjoyment and appreciation of beauty in many different forms. Hardly can the dishonor and desecration of our American banner relate to the intent of art. This exhibit was out of the scope of that function.

My husband was imprisoned, beaten and suffered for two years in a German prison camp, and escaped twice. He hid a small American flag inside his shirt for hope and defiance. When he reached the Russian lines, they thought he was a German. His prison tag and small American flag saved his life.

Ask any American, any veteran. They earned the freedom of expression through their sacrifices and service—not to prove it by walking on the flag or draping it over a toilet.

*Mary M. Souminen  
Scottsdale, Ariz.*

## Cathedral History

What a wonderful surprise to open my May issue and have the Cathedral of the Pines jump out at me. I first visit-

ed the cathedral in the early 1950s and had the honor to meet and talk with Dr. and Mrs. Sloane a number of times while they were alive.

The cross is made from New Hampshire granite taken from the top of Mount Monadnock. The fourth stone to the right of the cross is from the Montgomery County courthouse, Dayton, Ohio. The four bronze plaques on the bell tower were made by Peter Rockwell, based on paintings by his father, Norman.

Thank you for making my day.

*Vannell Kaufman  
Clinton, Ohio*

I was very interested and quite impressed with your issue relating to and showing the great Cathedral of the Pines. I visited there in 1948 while stationed at Quonset Naval Air Station, Rhode Island. I was senior nurse at Quonset and a group of us went up on a beautiful day and were most impressed.

At that time, there were many stones donated by different ships and stations of the Armed Forces. I know Lt. Sloane would be proud his parents presented the grounds of his future home to be a memorial to the war dead who gave their lives that we might be free.

*Frances Nieusma  
St. James City, Fla.*

## Share It

Many have written to say how much they enjoy THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE. Why not have your Post share it with others?

In the front of the book, where it lists staff and commission members, in the "Copyright" section is a notice for Post sponsored gift subscriptions for \$6.

About two-and-a-half years ago, my Post, Gold Star Post 191, gave a five-year subscription to our town library. The issues are prominently displayed in the library's magazine section, though some are becoming dog-eared and a few have even been charged out.

*Art Brett  
Mount Airy, Md.*

## Gulf Ills Real

Our story may be unique. We really don't know. We're desperate for information that is extremely hard to come by. We are very frustrated that what happened to us may have already happened to other families—or will—before something is done.

We were a patriotic family. Forty years ago my husband served in the U.S. Army. We raised six children. Four of them served a total of 16 years in the U.S. Navy.

This is for Scott, our only son, who said "Go for it mom" when I told him I'd never quit trying to find out what made him so ill.

He was sent to the Persian Gulf with the 1133rd Transportation Co., National Guard, Mason City, Iowa. He left for Saudi as a very healthy young man and he returned in much the same physical condition. Just tired, but not unusual considering where he'd been and what he'd seen.

About two years after he returned home in the summer of 1993, he developed a rash on his torso. It would erupt, disappear and then come back again. It didn't always look exactly the same. We thought it was a heat rash, something he ate, new laundry soap, etc.

In the fall of 1993 he developed huge sores in his mouth. He could eat very little and quickly lost about 40 pounds. He went from specialist to specialist, who sent tests many places to try to find a cause. He was put on

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steroids and depending on the dosage it would get a little better and then flare up again. By winter he could eat only pureed food and liquids. He could not use a straw as it hurt too much. Many doctors, many tests, many different medications. Nothing helped very much. And no concrete diagnosis.

In May 1994 he was examined by the VA Hospital in Des Moines. They were not able to find a cause for the terrible sores in his mouth and the rash that now also affected his feet, hands and arms. He made many trips to Des Moines—a three-hour drive.

In early August 1994, the VA hospital in Des Moines came up with a diagnosis of lupus. My heart just broke when I heard those words, but he was thrilled to know there was finally a name and treatment for his symptoms.

By mid-August he was hardly able to walk, his feet swollen and so extremely sore from the rash that seemed to get worse by the day. He went to the VA hospital on Friday, August 19 (he worked at his job as a mechanic up to August 18) and was admitted. The rash had now become blisters about the size of a 50-cent piece and were breaking and bleeding. He was running a fever.

Aug. 20 he was transferred to VA hospital in Iowa City where doctors from the University Hospital also served the VA hospital. Test results would come quicker at Iowa City.

Aug. 26, he was so ill they wanted him transferred to a burn unit in Texas. We stopped that with the help of an Iowa House Representative, Bob Brunkhorst. How were we going to see him in Texas? His wife was also almost seven months pregnant. He had two sons, ages 10 and 3. The doctors later told us he would have never made the trip to Texas. He was transferred to University Hospital in Iowa City and taken to surgery that very night. They removed all of his skin and replaced it with what is called pig skin. Out of surgery, bandaged from head to toe, he was given a 5 percent chance of survival.

Our family gathered together to give him all the love and support we could. Ten days later the pig skin was removed. Infection had been found. It was too risky to take him back to

surgery, so it was removed in a sterile room close to his room.

The next seven weeks are a blur. We had many ups—a good day for Scott—and many downs—a bad day for him. We “lived” in Iowa City. He had to endure burn baths every day. Water jets removed sloughed skin. He’d grow a tiny patch of skin only to lose it a day or so later. He was fed through a tube. Many antibiotics were given in hopes of warding off infection; morphine for the tremendous pain. We read to him—he’d correctly pronounce words we missed. His sense of humor never left him. He worried only about all of us.

The doctors and nurses were frustrated. Never did they find a solid diagnosis. It was an “unknown.”

Scott’s life ended at 3 a.m. on Oct. 5, 1994. He went to bat for his country two times. He lost the battle!

We are convinced beyond anything we’ve ever felt as parents that Persian Gulf Syndrome killed our only son. We want someone to tell us the truth. We won’t quit until we have believable answers to our questions.

What do we tell his oldest son, now 11 years old, who has nothing but pictures of his daddy? All he has are precious memories of fishing, playing ball and all the things lads and dads do together.

What do we say to a 3-year-old whose wish is to build a rocket so he can go get daddy and make everyone happy?

What do we say to a son who was born two weeks after his daddy died? He looks like his dad but will never have the chance to learn his great qualities.

What do we say to a wife who longs only for her husband’s love, strength and support?

Our son would want us to help others, which is what we are trying to do. So, this is a warning: If someone you know served in the Persian Gulf, make them go to a VA hospital to be examined. Don’t think any symptom they may have is minor.

Autopsy results said:

- carcinoma. From what?
  - kidney failure. He wasn’t a drinker and never had any kidney problems.
  - bacteria in his blood. What origin?
- What could make a very healthy 37-

year-old so ill that the last two months of his life were such a hell? He’d smile and his lips would bleed. We couldn’t kiss or hug him or be with him. He couldn’t see. Glasses were set aside and antibiotics put in his eyes several times a day to try to ward off infection there.

What does one look like without skin? Something indescribable. Horrendous. His children couldn’t see him. But his wife, his parents, his five sisters and a very select few friends absolutely cannot forget.

We’re angry. We’re frustrated. We’re so scared this may happen to another family. We’re trying to get answers before it’s also too late for you. Unless we speak out—nothing will be done.

If chemicals and gases were used over there, tell us the truth. It kills innocent people and destroys innocent families. We are real people with real feelings and we deserve the truth. This was not easy to write. We did it in hopes it may help someone. Only then will Scott’s death make sense to us. He would have wanted it to be that way. He was that special.

*Ardie and Rollie Siefken  
Plainfield, Iowa*

*Editor’s note: The American Legion continues to fight for an honest investigation, and unbiased and complete research into the Gulf War Illnesses.*

## Corrections

Gordon B. Hinckley, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, was incorrectly identified as Second Counselor in a July article about the upcoming National Convention in Salt Lake City. Also, Hinckley will lead the Patriotic Memorial Service in the Mormon Tabernacle, not the Temple, as previously reported.

The address listed in the Commander’s Message (June) for membership applications for Bosnia veterans should have read: The American Legion Membership (Bosnia), P.O. Box 7017, Indianapolis, IN 46207-7017.

THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE apologizes for the errors and any embarrassment they might have caused. □



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**Houston** – According to recent medical studies, if you're outside in sunlight for just two hours or more a day without any protection, your night vision will be decreased by 50% that evening. What's worse is that it takes about a day to regain the vision you've lost! How do you prevent this 50% vision reduction? Simple, know which sunglasses to wear and which to beware of.

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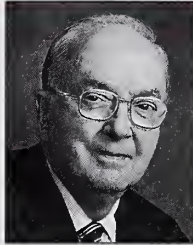


# SHOULD THE U.S. PULL OUT OF THE ABM TREATY TO BUILD MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEMS?

**Sen. Jesse Helms (R-North Carolina)**

I have introduced the Strategic Anti-Missile and Security Act of 1996—the STARS Act—to begin withdrawal from the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty, and to clear the way for implementing President Reagan's vision of a strategic missile-defense system.

## YES



Today's greatest threat to our national security lies in the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. According to the CIA, more than 30 countries possess ballistic missiles and 35 others are acquiring nuclear, chemical or biological weapons. Many of these nations—Iran, Iraq, Libya, Syria, North Korea—are clearly hostile to the United States. It is indeed probable that a hostile tyrant will soon possess missiles capable of reaching major U.S. population centers.

The STARS Act directs the president to notify Russia of U.S. intent to withdraw from the ABM Treaty one month after enactment of this bill, as legally permitted by the treaty; prohibits federal funds to enforce the treaty; and requires the president to certify to Congress that the United States has abrogated the treaty.

It boggles the mind that this administration can ignore the threat to our country from other nations. Communist China fields 24 submarine-launched ballistic missiles, several hundred heavy bomber warheads, and 24 long- and medium-range ballistic missiles.

China is developing for deployment by the end of the millennium four intermediate- and long-range ballistic-missile systems, and is pursuing MIRV technology. Russia still has 12,000 nuclear warheads. It is increasingly possible that Russia's massive arsenal could fall into the hands of authoritarian leaders with uncertain intentions.

Even those who unwisely discount the possibility of direct conflict with Moscow or Beijing must not discount the possibility of accidental launch, nor the collaboration between countries in the development of ballistic missiles. We know that China has sold missile technology to Iran, Syria, and North Korea; and that 14 countries have the capability to field Soviet-made missiles.

The STARS Act will remove the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty as an obstacle and pave the way for our defenses when necessary to protect our citizens against weapons of terror. ☐

**Sen. John Glenn (D-Ohio)**



## NO

For almost a quarter-century, the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty has been an effective tool in preserving the peace between the United States and the Soviet Union. Despite the Soviet break-up and the threats inherent to our "new world order," it is still in our nation's best interest to continue to play an active

role in this treaty.

The treaty guarantees the United States the means of retaliating in the event of a nuclear attack by Russia. By prohibiting Russia from deploying a national multiple-site missile-defense system, the treaty works to ensure the reliability of the United States nuclear deterrent. And the treaty also saves United States taxpayers the burden of supporting a costly and technologically dubious national missile-defense system.

It might sound like a good idea to create such a national system, but estimates put the cost at \$43 billion for a system with limited capabilities. The cost for a truly national system are ten times that amount—and for what purpose?

There are several other questions for which answers have not been found. Currently, the ABM Treaty prevents Russia from selling any technology related to strategic missile-defense systems. It is in America's best interests to have this technology spread around the world?

The Russian parliament has tied future ratification of START II, the arms-reduction treaty approved earlier this year by the United States, to continued compliance by America with the ABM Treaty. Do we really want to abandon such a serious and realistic chance to reduce both sides' strategic arms?

Because I have yet to hear anyone give satisfactory answers to these and other questions, I do not believe that such a system is in our nation's best security interests. If I thought for one minute there was a threat that any other nation would attack the United States with nuclear missiles, I would be the first to advocate a national missile-defense system, no matter what the cost. But the truth is, the U.S. intelligence community and the Joint Chiefs do not see any

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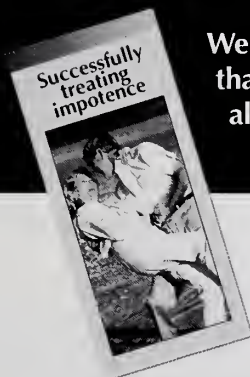


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# REACHING OUT FOR MEMBERS AT HOME AND IN BOSNIA

**B**OSNIA fades in and out of the news, as the media seemingly lose interest between instances of shelling, land mine explosions or other U.S. casualties. Many Americans may interpret lulls in action to mean, "all is well." As veterans, we hope they're right, while realizing that all quiet on the Bosnian front also can mean "all is forgotten."

I am proud to report that our troops in Bosnia are never out of the hearts and minds of Legionnaires. Consider Helen A. Chaffin of Post 334, North Tampa, Fla. Her Post exemplifies our organization's mission, as stated in our Preamble, "to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation."

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Post 334 received a prestigious Commander's Coin of Excellence from Thornton's commanding officer, and in the process of earning it, demonstrated that service first and membership second is a formula that works well for The American Legion.

As your National Commander, I have learned about many similarities that seem—when combined—to form the ideal Legion Post. I would like to share some of these suggestions with you, and perhaps some of these ideas will help you build your membership or make existing Legionnaires more satisfied with belonging to your Post.

- **Get involved in local schools.**

Have a representative of your Post at PTA and School Board meetings. Listen to many of the issues that affect education while looking for ways to match Legion National or Post pro-



*Nat'l. Cmdr. Daniel A. Ludwig*

grams with community needs. Seek support from local companies for children and youth programs.

- **Make contacts in business.**

From the city council to the chamber of commerce, a Post can become a vehicle for veterans who need jobs by networking with local businesses.

- **Assist local police, sheriffs, firefighters and EMS.** Host dinners or fundraising events to honor these public servants who protect and defend us. Buy your community new medical equipment. Or buy Teddy Bears for police officers to give to children who are victims of traumatic incidents.

- **Develop a public relations campaign.** Doing great things for your community isn't enough. You also have to get credit for your Post and The American Legion by attending government meetings or by hosting media nights with doughnuts and coffee at the Post.

- **Educate people about the Legion.** To appreciate who we are, people need to know more about The American Legion. Share our story, our pamphlets and our resources with the

community and let them see how great the Legion is.

- **Create a membership team.**

Appoint a team to actively recruit and award prizes to the Legionnaire who brings in the most new members to your Post.

- **Maintain a sharp drill team and color guard.** Your Post can earn recognition by fielding such a unit at parades, concerts and at graveside services for veterans.

- **Work with local clergy.** As members of an organization devoted to God and Country, we perform a valuable community service by reaching out to houses of worship and joining forces for charity. Invite members of the clergy to Post meetings.

- **Operate your Post in accordance with the law.** Be incorporated. Be insured. File your tax forms. Make sure building codes are in order and all laws are being observed.

- **Maintain your Post home as well as possible and keep up the grounds.** If it looks good, they will join.

- **Promote the holidays.** Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day and other holidays are a great time to host educational programs for kids and fund-raisers for adults. Show your colors and your pride on the special days.

- **Volunteer, volunteer, volunteer.** Legionnaires seem to offer their help and services in more places than any other group of people. At the local level, keep up that tradition and spend time helping disabled children or delivering food to elderly shut-ins. Every Post I have seen does this so well. Keep up the good work!

We need to help the folks at home by teaching them about The American Legion. And we need to bring The American Legion to GIs overseas in Bosnia and around the world. Let's sign them up as members and remain the world's largest wartime veterans organization. □



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


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**A**merica has become a nation of the chronically sleep-deprived. The Better Sleep Council reports that over the past 20 years, we Americans have added around 158 hours, or nearly an entire month each year, to our job schedules. That's not to mention the time we spend working hard to care for our families and homes. Sleep deprivation is caused by both lack of time spent sleeping and poor quality sleep. Sound familiar? Then you owe it to yourself to read on!

## SLEEP DEPRIVATION CAN BE DANGEROUS

**A**ccording to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, sleep-deprived drivers are vulnerable to "micro-naps" lasting four or five seconds—plenty of time at highway speeds for a fatal crash to occur. Disrupted sleep and sleep disorders cost American businesses billions of dollars annually in lost productivity, industrial accidents and higher medical bills. Lack of sleep also was implicated in the Exxon Valdez oil spill, the space shuttle Challenger disaster and the nuclear accident at Three Mile Island.

Loss of sleep during the night is responsible for increased vulnerability to illness, a tendency to nod off at work the next day, and even loss of creativity and clarity of thinking, say British researchers. Power tools can become dangerous weapons in the hands of someone who is not well rested. And almost everyone is familiar with the physical aches and pains that occur because of poor quality sleep.

## DO YOU NEED MORE SLEEP, OR JUST BETTER SLEEP?

**O**n the average, most adults require seven and a half to eight hours of sleep per night, and a full cycle including deep sleep is required for us to feel adequately rested in the morning. Any number of factors can interfere with

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## Delayed Departure

Look for another postponement in the withdrawal of American troops from Bosnia. Originally, U.S. troops were supposed to be out by December 20. Then we were told they'd *begin* their withdrawal on that date and hope to be out by the following month.

Now, though, at least one Balkan analyst says American forces may be forced by circumstances to serve indefinitely as civilian policemen—a role the Pentagon has loudly opposed.

Obrad Kesic, an analyst with the International Research & Exchanges Board (a group of scholars which toured the area in February), says American troops have pulled off a "major accomplishment" by putting an end to the fighting. Problem is, scheduled Sept. 14 elections may result in "three sets of nationalists"—the Serbs, the Croats and the Muslims—winning in their respective regions of the country.

This would not bode well for the concept of a unified central government outlined in the Dayton peace accord. And inasmuch as the U.S. presence seems to be the only factor preventing a resumption of the killing, Kesic says he doesn't envision Bosnia holding together without us serving as the glue.

## \$ for Desecration

By now, no doubt, you've heard about the controversial Phoenix Art Museum exhibit, *Old Glory: The American Flag in Contemporary Art*, which, among other things, depicts a U.S. Flag in a toilet, a flag made of human skin and hair, and a flag serving as the backdrop for the figure of a headless Christ.

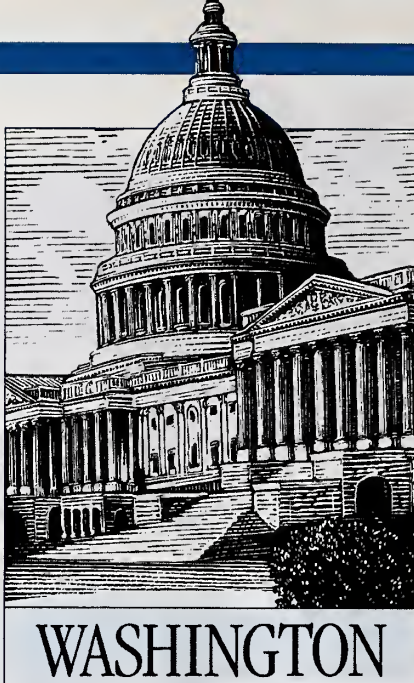
Like many people, you may have wondered: How exactly did such an exhibit get funded?

Laurence Jarvik wondered, too. And Jarvik, editor of the Capital Research Center newsletter, *Foundation Watch*, found the answer: a grant from the Nathan Cummings Foundation. Cummings president Charles R. Helpen is on record that the flag desecration exhibit is "controversial" but "deserves to be seen."

Veterans disagree, of course. The

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# WASHINGTON WATCH

By Cliff Kincaid

American Legion protested, as did many in Arizona's congressional delegation, including House Veterans' Affairs Committee chairman Rep. Bob Stump.

In fact, the museum director had to have one of the flags replaced when an 11-year-old boy, Fabian Montoya, took it off the floor and folded it carefully. Clearly Montoya was not a connoisseur of "art."

The museum itself, by the way, has received tens of thousands of dollars from American taxpayers through the National Endowment for the Arts.

## The Kramden Corps

Well, the results from the Summer Olympics are in, and it seems the Department of Defense has splurged more than \$50 million in Atlanta. Such heavy-duty participation might even sound like a natural fit for DoD if all the money went toward providing security, but in truth, only about one-fourth of the sum was earmarked for that purpose.

Sen. John McCain of Arizona, a long-time critic of the use of DoD funds for non-defense purposes, may have best put things in perspective when he said, "I strongly resent Department of Defense money being spent on non-security activities such as

acting as bus drivers for athletes and serving as general laborers."

At last count, about 11,000 U.S. servicemembers were being pressed into service on behalf of about 15,000 athletes. In all, the security force numbered 30,000, including 1,000 federal employees and 4,500 state and local police.

## The Other War

The world community may long for lasting peace in the Balkans, but accelerated drug smuggling between Asia and Europe may be one of the unfortunate side effects of such harmony. A recent Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) report notes that the civil war there has disrupted traditional drug trafficking routes through the Balkans.

Before the war, Bosnia was a major center of heroin and hashish trafficking; even now, it is believed that military pharmaceuticals are being diverted for illicit purposes. Bosnia is also described by the DEA as a country with conditions favorable to the cultivation of opium poppies.

The DEA cites nearby Macedonia, where U.S. "peacekeepers" are now based, as a major gateway for international drug trafficking and a source of "heroin laboratory activity."

## The Naked Truth

A search for extremists at Ft. Bragg, N.C., has taken a bizarre turn: Army troops are being required to strip down to their shorts for "tattoo inspection." Such exams will occur on a quarterly basis until further notice.

The arrest of three soldiers on charges of killing an African-American couple, as well as the discovery of several skin-heads in the ranks, has commanders on the look-out for signs of racism, extremism or gang affiliation among all 82nd Airborne Division troops. To help identify offensive skin markings, commanders were provided with a special U.S. Army book, compiled with help from the Army office of equal opportunity.

The first inspection turned up "some questionable tattoos," says Capt. Mark Wiggins, deputy director in the public affairs office. Offenders can be counseled, punished or even booted out, said Wiggins, although there's no requirement that the markings be burned off. □



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## JOB SECURITY

**Y**OUR boss may want you to keep the peace in the office, but certainly not overseas on humanitarian missions. While most employers support employees serving in the reserves, a new poll says they don't approve of losing manpower for humanitarian missions such as Bosnia and Somalia.

Twenty percent of bosses surveyed by the Air Force Reserve said reserve troops should never be sent on overseas humanitarian missions. By contrast, only 4 percent thought reserve troops should not be called to fight regional wars or help during domestic emergencies.

Bosses' opinions are increasingly important as reliance on reserve troops grows and reservists are called away from their civilian jobs more often. Thousands of Army reservists were ordered to Bosnia for nine months, and thousands more Air Force reservists have volunteered for periods of a few days to a few months.

Of 1,300 employers polled, most said they don't want their reservist employees away from work for more than two weeks to a month. And 85 percent of the bosses said they never encourage their reservist employees to perform more than the minimum military service.

## FAMILY HELP

**I**F you know a GI called up for Bosnia who needs emergency financial assistance or help with other problems, contact The American Legion's Family Support Network at 1-800-504-4098.

## NIXING NUPTIALS

**T**HE service that tried to curtail marriage among its youngest enlistees in 1993 now has banned marriages between officers and enlisted troops even if one of the couple is from another service.

The new rules come from a task force working for Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Charles C. Krulak. Marine leaders contend officers must remain aloof from enlisted Marines in order to treat all enlistees fairly and equally. Personal feelings are not supposed to enter into it, a warrant officer explained.

Thus, close personal relationships between officers and enlisted Marines are forbidden. Earlier Marine Corps regulations conveyed the same message but did not specifically ban officer-enlisted marriages.

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## STRESS TEAMS

**S**PECIAL combat stress teams are in Bosnia to head off problems related to peacekeeping. Medical specialists warn that troops in peace operations face a different kind of combat stress than the military is used to.

Troops trained to fight may suffer stress when they feel threatened, but cannot fight back, as when harassed by civilians, taunted by children or endangered by land mines. The sight of mass killings, torture and starvation may also invoke stress, and constant scrutiny by the news media may add to it, said Navy Cmdr. Nancy Bakalar, a combat stress management specialist at the Pentagon.

Bosnia duty offers the more familiar stresses of military operations, too lack of sleep, cold, wet weather, constant work and primitive living conditions.

Bosnia is not a very pleasant place to be, agreed Dr. Stephen Joseph, assistant defense secretary for health affairs.

## FORCING PEACE

**U**S. TROOPS should expect more peacekeeping, says Defense Secretary William Perry.

Touting a mission he calls preventive defense, Perry said the United States must lead the world in preventing the conditions for conflict and in creating the conditions for peace.

Perry told a Harvard University audience he wants the military more involved in preventing the spread of nuclear weapons, promoting fledgling democracies, training foreign forces in peacekeeping and promoting friendly relations with former adversaries.

U.S. troops already are on the job. Air Force personnel secretly shipped 600 kilograms of bomb-grade uranium out of Kazakhstan to keep it safe from smugglers. Troops from all services are promoting democracy in former Soviet countries. The Army is training foreign peacekeepers both here and in Russia.

The Cold War is over, but peace is not yet secure, Perry warned. Our best security policy is one that prevents conflict. And the best policy tool, it seems, is the military.

## IN THE NEWS

**I**DESPITE reports that recruiting is tougher and interest in military service is waning, the services met their recruiting goals for the first half of 1996 and reported no drop in recruit quality. After years of refusing, DoD now will pay for chiropractic care at 10 bases for three years. Worried that lousy housing will drive troops out of the services, a House appropriations subcommittee wants \$4.3 billion in housing improvements in 1997 almost \$1 billion more than the Clinton administration sought. □



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How did an American Legion membership card manage to make \$260 disappear off his bill? Because membership in The American Legion also guarantees savings under the Eye Care Plan of America (ECPA) for all Legionnaires and their families who choose to use the plan.

"I've used the plan since its inception," says Reinhard. "I wouldn't be without it. It's one of the best programs I've ever seen."

The ECPA is a vision benefit program offered to all members of The American Legion, Sons of the American Legion and employees of Department and National Headquarters. It allows Legionnaires to save as much as 60 percent on eyewear and all it takes is a Legion membership card.

"I didn't have any problem at all using the program," says Reinhard. "As soon as I showed them my card, the bill went down. It was as simple as that."



**SAVINGS—** Legionnaires can save on eyewear for themselves and their families.

According to statistics provided by ECPA, more than 60 percent of Americans require some form of vision correction. That figure suggests as many as 1.8 million Legionnaires wear glasses or contact lenses.

The high cost of eyewear can frequently cause poor vision to go uncorrected, which makes this plan especially important for those who may be on a tight budget, according to William Johnson, Department Adjutant of West Virginia.

"[ECPA] is great for veterans on a fixed income. But only if they learn about the program and take advantage of it," says Johnson.

Legionnaire Greg Sparrow of Post 2, Bristol, Conn., agrees that too many people are unaware of the program. He says members of The American Legion need to learn more about the program and realize that it's available at no extra hassle or charge.

"The only real problem with the program is that not a lot of Legionnaires know that it's available to them," said Sparrow, who is also regional vice president of sales for ECPA. "That's too bad because if you look at the demographics, you'll see that most Legionnaires wear eyeglasses. They

just don't realize how much they could be saving."

ECPA isn't just a benefit for Legionnaires. It also covers all of their eligible dependents, which can only add up to more savings for people like Lewis Waller, Past Department Commander of Connecticut.

"The wife and I have both taken advantage of the program, and we've saved quite a few dollars because of it," Waller says.

Legionnaires certainly aren't the only ones raving about the program. Dan Sopke is a self-described "dispensing optician" in his family-owned private optometry practice. Sopke says he likes to help his patients any way he can and ECPA "is definitely a big help. It's about the best eye care program I've ever seen."

"One of the nice things about [ECPA] is that there's no time element," said Sopke. "A lot of plans say that you can use it only once every so often, but with this program you could save on glasses every day if you wanted to."

"The Legion did one of the best things they could've done for its mem-

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# CYBER SOLDIERS

**In the air, on the ground and at sea, computer technology is equipping our forces with sixth, seventh and eighth senses that will transform the way wars are fought.**

**By Frank Bentayou**

**I**F THE Persian Gulf War left many military and political questions unanswered, one thing came through with the clarity of a Patriot missile intercepting a Scud in the nighttime Arabian sky: The United States' handling of the conflict took combat in some new and startling directions.

U.S. forces unveiled astonishingly accurate reconnaissance in the service of pinpoint bombing raids. Our tactical arsenal mated incoming-missile-tracking systems with dead-on anti-missile technology. The high command received near-instantaneous dispatches from the field. In sum, the brief military encounter turned into a protracted advertisement for dazzling new battle technology.

Yet the fact is, the high-tech wonders of Desert Storm were just the tip of the technology iceberg. As we hurtle toward the millenium, warfare is set to undergo changes unlike any since manned flight appeared. A new breed of soldier is about to take his place, and

her place, for that matter, on the battlefield of the future. With digitally enhanced sensory, communications and killing power, 21st-century U.S. combat personnel, wedded to computers in new and scarcely imagined ways, will transform the very nature of armed conflict.

Welcome to the realm of cyber-warfare.

What's more, the looming revolution will affect everyone from the high command to the foot soldier—or in the words of Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, "from the foxhole to the factory, top to bottom."

Indeed, it seems outdated even to refer to the troops of the future as soldiers. According to a researcher at the Army Dismounted Battlespace Battle Lab at Fort Benning, Ga.—one of eight facilities working feverishly to plot the Army's course in the age of digital technology—the next generation of land warriors is destined to become "sophisticated mobile-weapons and reconnaissance platforms."

Spurring these efforts is a revamped vision of how the military will meet U.S. needs in the next century. With the Cold War gone, the world has entered an era of smaller, often pro-

*Frank Bentayou's last article for the magazine was "Busting Public Corruption," April 1995.*







## WARRIORS

**will become a sophisticated mobile weapons and reconnaissance platform, with flexible body armor and digital communicators.**

tracted conflicts, like those in the former Yugoslavia, Africa and the Middle East. Such trouble spots demand that forces be fast on their feet: more mobile, more flexible. And when circumstances thrust our forces into the midst of the fray on short notice—and often in relatively small, “peacekeeping” numbers—we want them to be more lethal.

Further, like their counterparts in *Fortune* 500 America, the U.S. armed forces are awash in concerns about productivity. Budget cuts could shrink the armed forces as much as 40 percent within two decades, according to Pentagon studies. Faced with this likelihood, the military has been scrambling for ways to use technology to “out-place” workers or, alternately, get more from the ones they keep on payroll. The Pentagon wants one 21st century GI to be able to do the work of many old-style grunts, and one well-trained aircraft, submarine or tank crew to do what it now takes a whole unit to manage—and ideally with less risk to themselves, of course.

Thus the Army, Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy all are digging through the technology bins to find ways to squeeze more out of less. “In some ways all the branches are competing, all working to come up with the development that will move warfare to its next stage,” says Dr. Derrell Hopper, civilian director of cockpit avionics at Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

### Info Explosion

Much of this advancement revolves around increasing the amount of information individual personnel gather and absorb by perhaps thousands of times. For example, Hopper’s job, in part, is to find ways to help pilots more quickly digest information while roaring through the sky at Mach 2.

The military is operating in “a whole new framework,” says William W. Hartzog, commanding general, Army Training and Doctrine Command in Fort Monroe. “We have crossed the threshold into a new strategic era while simultaneously entering a new age, the Information Age.” And the main currency will be information that has been digitized and compressed. In the future, units will transmit digitized pictures and videos, as well as radiation and bio-hazard levels, to the earth’s most remote corners.

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# Rocketing Toward THE FINAL FRONTIER

The exploration of space is vital to the national security and economic prosperity of the United States today and into the 21st century, says the leader of NASA.

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E HAVE all wondered about big questions—is there life in outer space? Are we alone? How was the galaxy formed? And more often, we ask ourselves more urgent issues. How safe are commercial airplanes? Will there be new ways to detect breast cancer?

According to Daniel S. Goldin, administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) since 1982, all of these questions are being addressed by his agency. NASA, he says, “will help develop technology that will lead America into the 21st century.”

For 25 years, Goldin worked at TRW as manager of its Space Technology Group. He spent most of his career developing weapons and land-based ballistic missile systems. “I don’t apologize for defending my nation,” Goldin says. “I’m proud to have helped win the Cold War.” Now that the Cold War is over, Goldin says NASA is ready to help America win its economic battles.

In an exclusive interview with THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE, Goldin explains how NASA turns science fiction into technical innovation.

**AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE:** What is NASA?

**DANIEL S. GOLDIN:** It is the hopes and dreams of all Americans. What NASA develops for space will help fuel our economy here on Earth and assure that our country is



NASA Administrator Daniel S. Goldin

the global leader into the 21st century.

We work with technology that people haven’t even heard of yet: computers that operate a thousand times faster than what we have today and biomedical techniques that will allow humans to spend time safely in space.

The tools we’re using will help re-write physics and chemistry textbooks that will form the basis of the next scientific revolution that will improve life. And improving life is what NASA is all about.

**Q.** As NASA administrator, what do you do?


**A.** I am the Chief Executive Officer of NASA, charged with making sure the taxpayers’ money is spent efficiently. I also view my role as an agent of change, to help the brilliant scientists and engineers reach further than they’re comfortable and bring out new ideas. With the help of NASA employees, I develop and communicate a strategic plan for space exploration for the American people, the Congress and the administration.

**Q.** Why are NASA and the space program important?

**A.** I view NASA as one of the things that America does to guarantee U.S. leadership into the new millennium. We’re working on technologies that people haven’t even thought about yet.

We’re working with computers that operate a thousand times faster than anything we have; materials that will fuel the economy; biomedical techniques that will allow us to send people to space safely and efficiently. We will





**SHUTTLEBUCKS—**  
NASA will one day  
turn over the shuttle  
program to private  
firms that will learn  
to make money in  
space and save  
taxpayers cash on  
Earth.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### *Daniel Goldin On...*

**NASA's purpose:**

"Improving life is what NASA is all about."

**The meaning of space:**

"The space program makes us feel good about ourselves and gives us hope."

**The benefits of space:**

"Doctors are developing a new technique to detect breast cancer earlier based on the Hubble Telescope's ability to take pictures of distant galaxies."

**The shuttle:** "It is the only vehicle in the world capable of taking people and cargo into space and back."

**Emotion:** "I defy a person to go down to a launch, feel that rocket blast, and not have tears in their eyes."

improve the quality of life on Earth. That is what we're about.

We're a very small investment, less than one percent of the federal budget. In fact, we're nine-tenths of a percent dropping to eight-tenths of a percent, but our impact on the future is enormous.

**Q. What are some technological advances that have come from the space program?**

**A.** The CAT-scan and MRI are technologies that came out of the space program and save lives today by detecting illness and injury.

Almost every aircraft built today is tested in a NASA wind tunnel. We have developed techniques that are now being brought to the marketplace to detect cracks in planes before they become dangerous.

Also we are installing technology to detect microbursts or wind shear which has caused several commercial airplane crashes.

Most important, doctors are developing a new technique to detect breast cancer earlier based on the Hubble Telescope's ability to take pictures of distant galaxies.

**Q. How are NASA's programs funded?**

**A.** Funding comes from the federal government almost entirely. However, we have signed cooperative agreements with corporations in which NASA cost shares the development of new concepts and ideas. In the last four years, we've cut the budget 36 percent and our productivity went up 40 percent.

**Q. What is the purpose of the space shuttle?**

**A.** It is the only vehicle in the world capable of taking people and cargo into space and back. It is the backbone tool for building the international space station.

Over five years, the space shuttle will carry a million plus pounds to orbit over 70 launches. But we're going to try to replace the shuttle with a much safer, low-cost vehicle in the future.

**Q. What is going to happen with the shuttle while we wait for its replacement?**

**A.** We will have seven to eight shuttle launches a year over the next two years. We are also privatizing the shuttle.

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# Cold Cash

CAN MONEY BUY HAPPINESS? LOTTERY WINNERS SHARE SOME SURPRISING ANSWERS.



**ALREADY A WINNER**—In 1989, Robert Castleberry won \$10 million in the Publisher's Clearing House Sweepstakes.

## By Gurney Williams III

**H**IS JOB as a nurse anesthesiologist was to make patients numb before procedures at Miami's North Shore Hospital. On the day that changed his life, David C. Koobs had an experience that would leave him almost as numb as the 16 patients he had treated during his 24-hour shift.

Halfway through that long day, David Koobs won \$10 million in the Publisher's Clearing House Sweepstakes.

Months later, when he awakened to what that stroke of luck really meant, Koobs discovered a truth many lottery

*Gurney Williams III's last article for the magazine was "Second Parenthood," December 1995.*

officials are now trying to pass along to big winners.

Even \$10 million can't guarantee happiness.

Koobs is one of the thousands of Americans each year who fill out forms, paste stickers, guess random numbers or scratch cards with a quarter and reap a fortune from lotteries and sweepstakes. Lottery entrants alone in the 38 states with public games won \$17 billion in 1995, enough to buy a fleet of 53,000 of the most expensive Rolls Royce turbocharged luxury convertibles.

But is life's road smooth and sunny for them after winning? The answer is...deceptively complicated.

It probably comes as no shock that lottery officials and sweeps executives insist the overwhelming majority of these winners are happier after winning than they had been before. "We've had some who have mentally disabled children who have been able

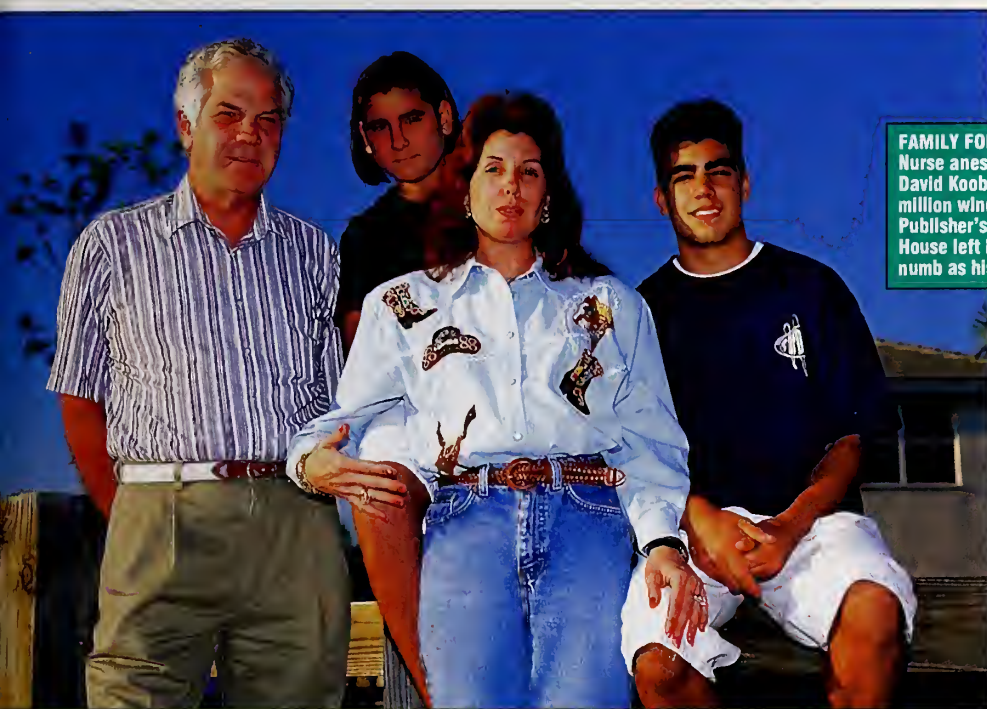
to buy wheel-

chairs," says Nora Moon, the woman who has passed out some \$1.13 billion in jackpots for the Virginia State Lottery. One winner, living in a trailer, was finally able to buy a home. Another, who won a prize guaranteeing her \$1 million a year, continued to find contentment cooking in a small restaurant, happy that her senior citizen customers still needed her.

But Moon and others say that some winners get into high-level financial trouble. Some become reclusive, afraid to answer the phone and hear another sob story from people seeking hand-outs. "Money for nothing" can upset personal relationships in ways often overlooked by surprise winners who initially think all their troubles are over.

David Koobs' story represents a good case study. He had no idea he'd hit the jackpot when he took his first





**FAMILY FORTUNE—**  
Nurse anesthetist  
David Koobs' \$10  
million windfall from  
Publisher's Clearing  
House left him as  
numb as his patients.

of \$9.5 million paid out over the following 29 years.

"Isn't this wonderful?" he exulted to Linda that day.

Koobs was stunned to see tears well in Linda's eyes. "But Dave," she said, "what does this mean for us?"

She was right to be concerned, Koobs says now, because soon after he won, "I went a little wild. I started thinking of all the things I could do and the places I could go. And I asked myself why I should be tied down."

He left Linda for a few months and hit the road, heading for Las Vegas. On the way, he discovered an important truth embedded in the big fortune cookie life had just handed him: *Winning isn't everything—and it can make life lonely.*

"I would see a beautiful stretch of scenery," says Koobs, "or I'd say 'What a sunset!' and then I'd think, 'I wonder what Linda would say?'" He came back to Florida and asked Linda for forgiveness. They were married in 1992.

Since then, he has enjoyed the freedom of buying what he wants: \$8,000 in new clothing—including an \$800 pair of pants. A 61-inch television set. A two-seater sports car. And it's been a pleasure to share the wealth with his family and in-laws.

Still, lately Koobs has felt a strong pull to return to the job he left five years ago in the afterglow of his windfall. He recently applied to have his license in anesthesia renewed and went back to continuing-education classes to brush up on the professional skills he originally learned in the Army. "I got to thinking I really miss that," says Koobs. "I miss the patient contact."

**P**SYCHOLOGISTS who have studied and counseled winners aren't surprised by stories like Koobs', which suggest that there's some slippery ground at the end of the rainbow. One classic study from the late 1970s revealed that a group of lottery winners—with pots ranging from \$50,000

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## 'Money for nothing' upsets personal relationships in ways that surprise winners who initially think all their troubles are over.

ture.

"Yeah," Koobs replied.

"Can you come down to the lobby of the hospital?"

Koobs was wary. "It's okay," the voice said. "It's a very nice surprise."

Koobs left the dinner his fiancée, Linda, had made for him and rode the elevator four floors to the lobby. When he got off, someone asked his name, bright lights flashed on next to a videocamera, and he squinted at a sign telling him he was a winner. *Hey, that's great*, he thought. *Ten thousand dollars.* Even though he made \$70,000 a year at his job, he knew he could always use the extra cash.

Then he noticed that he'd made a small oversight.

"I saw the word *million* after the 10," Koobs says, "and my mind went buzz." Koobs found out he would get \$500,000 the first year and the balance



**MENTAL WEALTH—**Many lottery winners turn to psychologist Steven J. Danish, director of the Life Skill Center at Virginia Commonwealth University, for help in dealing with awesome wealth.

break of the day after 12 hours on the job. He was heating his dinner in a toaster-oven when the phone rang. "Is this Dave Koobs?" someone asked. Oh no, Koobs thought. Not another proce-



# WOODPECKERS,

# MALLARDS, AND US

*There's something fishy about government policies that usurp people's property rights on behalf of wildlife.*

*By James J. Kilpatrick*

**N**OW AND THEN, no doubt about it, a duck stopped in. Maybe a canvasback, maybe a mallard. On their way south from Canada for a vacation in Mexico, they paused for a drink at a shallow pond on private property southeast of San Francisco.

While the ducks were thus pleasantly engaged, not far away in Oregon spotted owls and red-cockaded woodpeckers were disporting themselves on private land northeast of Eugene. Call it fowl play if you will, or call it interstate commerce.

I call the resulting abuse of federal power a serious threat to freedom.

Things are happening to property rights that demand a careful look. Under the Clean Water Act, the government has pursued the definition of "wetlands" to absurd limits. Enforcement of the Endangered Species Act strikes not a few observers as preposterous. State and local governments abuse their powers of forfeiture and

condemnation.

The purposes are splendid. After all, who wants dirty air or polluted water? Everyone loves animals, fish and wildflowers. We want our cities to be safe and attractive. The problem comes when well-meaning administrators get carried away. They are determined to Do Good—but often they do good badly.

This is what we are talking about in the matter of ducks, owls and woodpeckers. Two recent rulings of the Supreme Court are a case in point.

Between 1919 and 1959, a pit-mining company manufactured salt on a 153-acre tract in California. In the process, the company dug shallow basins where the sodium chloride could be crystallized. After production ceased, these man-made ponds dried up. For most of the year they remain dry, but during winter and spring, rain-water temporarily collects in them.

In 1985, the present owners dug a feeder ditch and a siltation pond on their property. The fill material affected the basins. In marched the Corps of Engineers with an order to cease and desist. Seems these insignificant pot-holes in some fashion had become

"waters of the United States," subject to federal control under the Clean Water Act.

The act is predicated upon the congressional power to regulate commerce among the states. When ducks fly across a state line, they become instrumentalities of interstate commerce. In the case at hand, the itinerant ducks had plenty of places to spend the night; the San Francisco National Wildlife Refuge was just across the road from the abandoned salt ponds. Still, the Feds insisted that the ducks needed yet another place to snooze.

To shorten a long story, the federal courts upheld this tortuous line of reasoning, and the owners lost effective control of their own property. They were ordered to put everything back the way it was—at their own expense, of course.

Last October, the Supreme Court refused to hear the company's appeal. Justice Clarence Thomas dissented. He noted that the act begins by prohibiting the discharge of fill material into "navigable waters." How did these seasonal puddles qualify? The Corps of Engineers by regulation has decreed that the term embraces not only truly navigable



*James J. Kilpatrick is a nationally syndicated columnist.*





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**UN-JUST DUCKY—**  
Federal laws are so unfair that potholes with ducks floating in them are protected by the Clean Water Act. Flying ducks that move from state to state become interstate commerce.

waters and their tributaries, but also “interstate lakes, rivers, streams, mudflats, sandflats, wetlands, sloughs, prairie potholes, wet meadows, playa lakes, or natural ponds, the use, degradation or destruction of which could affect interstate or foreign commerce.” (Bathtubs are not covered.)

“It is undisputed,” said Justice Thomas, “that the occasional rainwater ponds at issue in this case have never been, are not now, and probably never will be susceptible to use in interstate or foreign commerce.”

Duck hunting may be a big business, Thomas observed, but there was no evidence that anyone came to the ponds to hunt, trap or even watch the birds. Neither was there evidence that loss of the ponds would materially affect the duck population or harm the wildlife refuge. In fact, other than the occasional presence of a few migratory birds, there was no showing that the ditch-and-fill operation “would have any effect on interstate commerce, much less a substantial effect.”

Justice Thomas felt the case raised “serious and important” constitutional questions about the limits of regulation in the name of the Clean Water Act. In his view, the Corps’ regulation stretched the powers of Congress beyond the breaking point.

Regrettably, none of Thomas’s colleagues felt inclined to review the case, so the owners are out and the ducks are in. The untouchable basins remain...untouchable. For all practical purposes, the government took private property for public use. And the government has not paid a dime for the taking.

This same abuse of power occurs under the Endangered Species Act. This became evident a year ago in the case of the owls and the woodpecker. The Secretary of the Interior had classified the red-cockaded woodpecker as “endangered” and the owl as “threatened.” (For purposes of enforcement the terms are virtually synonymous).

Once the Secretary made his formal finding, it became unlawful for any person to “take” the vulnerable birds. The

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**‘BEAK’ BUSINESS—**  
Logging companies in the Pacific Northwest could not cut trees on their own property without federal penalties because their land was used by the red-cockaded woodpecker, an endangered species.



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# THE COLOR OF

# LIES

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**LEGACY**—Vietnam veteran Phil Kallas was wounded in-country. His daughter Rebekah became a casualty at birth thanks to Agent Orange.

## Agent Orange: The study that couldn't be done. The veterans who couldn't be found. The \$63 million that disappeared. And the reasons why.



**PHIL KALLAS** was not in Vietnam very long. He patrolled the A Shau Valley with the 101st Airborne from just January to May 1970—just enough time for him to lose an arm and get a face full of shrapnel. But Phil Kallas also believes that something far worse happened there—that somewhere in that desolate, overgrown valley, his daughter was also wounded. Although Rebekah Kallas wasn't born until five years after the war ended, she is as much a casualty of Vietnam as Phil himself. That is what her father insists, and there is no shortage of evidence to support him.

After more than 25 years of controversy, the National Academy of Sci-

*Ken Scharnberg's story on atomic veterans, "St. George is Expendable" (October 1995) received a first-place award from the Society of National Association Publications.*

ences (NAS) acknowledged in early 1996 a possible relationship between Agent Orange and three serious medical conditions: spina bifida, prostate cancer and a neurological disease called peripheral neuropathy. While veterans like Kallas applaud the fact that these health problems may now be added to VA's growing list of Agent Orange-related ailments, anger and skepticism remain widespread. After all, peripheral neuropathy was already on the list of presumptive diseases in 1993, but was removed when VA Secretary Jesse Brown asked NAS for more research—even though dozens of studies already suggested a link between dioxin, the deadly contaminant found in Agent Orange, and myriad health problems.

And as the science is debated, the list of victims continues to swell.

Rebekah Kallas was born with spina bifida—wherein the spine forms outside the body—as well as clubbed feet, hydrocephalia, a wandering eye and other defects. At 16, she has undergone more than two dozen corrective surg-

eries, surgeries made necessary, Kallas feels, by his exposure to Agent Orange. Worse, VA did none of those surgeries nor bore any of the expense, because by law, VA cannot treat or compensate disabled family members of veterans.

Phil Kallas is just one of thousands of Vietnam veterans who are convinced that Agent Orange contributed to their family's health problems. The road to acceptance of their claims has been long and uphill. Over the years, what is real and what is myth, what is science and what is hype, have intermingled to the point that, as Kallas put it, "The American public is sick of hearing about Agent Orange."

Yet there is still much to the story that has not been well-told. The missing links have to do with greed, apathy, deceit, military necessity, special interests and legal maneuvering.

And to begin to understand the Agent Orange controversy—why government bureaucrats would risk careers, why major chemical manufacturers would skew research—it is necessary to look at the origin of the substance itself.

### Conceived in Cover-up

Dioxin's inherent risks were known long before the defoliant was used in Vietnam. The controversy surrounding dioxin begins at the German chemical-pharmaceutical manufacturer, C.H. Boehringer Sohn in Hamburg, Germany. We know this because in 1992, The American Legion worked with investigative journalists from the respected German newsmagazine *Der Spiegel* to uncover a grim tale of deception leading straight back to Hamburg.

The original dioxin research was an outgrowth of complaints from Boehringer workers about boils and pimples. In 1954, one such worker landed in the dermatology clinic of Karl-Heinz Schulz, who began experimenting with 76 assorted Boehringer products.



Schulz rubbed the substances on the ears of rabbits, and though severe boils resulted, he was unable to isolate the exact causative agent. His frustration deepened to concern when he made a shocking observation: Untreated rabbits in cages *next* to the ones rubbed with chemicals were dying of liver necrosis, in which the tissue literally rots.

In 1955, a Boehringer accident sent 42 workers to Schulz with severe skin illnesses; liver damage showed up in about 10 percent of those victims as well. Then one day a Boehringer technician working on a new protective agent for wood opened a cabinet containing a pure form of tetrachlordiben-zodioxin, or T-acid. T-acid's primary ingredient was dioxin, and the cloud of dust that blew in his face nearly killed him. Schulz and chemist Georg Sorge soon discovered that dioxin was a byproduct of several Boehringer compounds.

According to *Der Spiegel*, this marked the beginning of a major international cover-up. Company patriarch Ernst Boehringer did take steps to reduce the mountainous piles of T-acid heaped around his plants—though one of those steps was the dumping of some 7,600 tons of T-acid into the sea, an act for which he later drew a heavy fine. Boehringer also issued orders to keep the bad news about dioxin away from the public. Worse, he decreed that employees be told the chemical—which at least one of his own researchers had labeled “the most toxic chemical ever put into this world”—was “harmless as baking powder.”

Fortunately, before the lid could be closed on the scandal, Schulz had already presented a paper to a convention of his scientific peers; news about dioxin began to leak. By 1959, incidence of cancer among Boehringer employees was soaring. Representatives of the U.S. Army chemical corps traveled to Germany to assess dioxin's usefulness as a chemical weapon.

Tellingly, they concluded that dioxin was just “too deadly.”

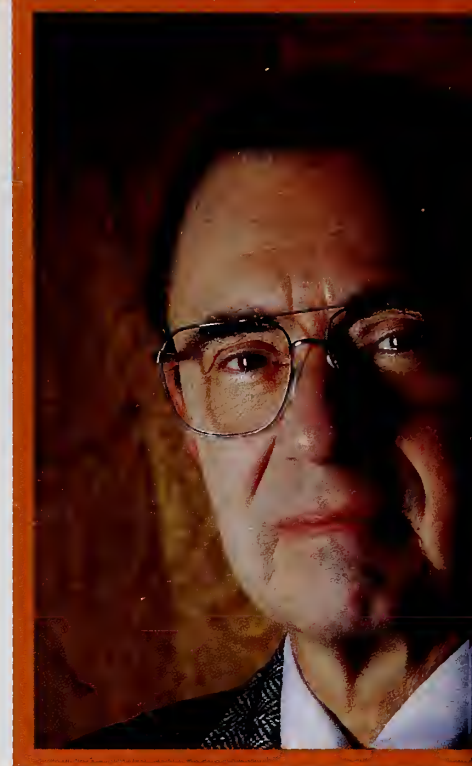
### ‘The Land of Death’

By this time, in the U.S., Dow Chemical was experiencing similar health problems among its workers. When Boehringer developed a means to help clean up the manufacturing process, Dow offered to purchase the German procedure and a partnership

formed. Dow wanted Boehringer's T-acid stockpiles to produce a defoliant (officially 2,4,5-T) for use in Vietnam. Boehringer was eager to break into the rich American market. The deal was made and in 1960, German stockpiles were shipped to Dow.

Though the federal government was aware of dioxin's frightening toxicity, President Kennedy approved the release of the substance, now known as Agent Orange, over the jungles of South Vietnam in November 1961. Dow Chemical kicked into high gear, while other manufacturers scrambled for a piece of this lucrative new business. In all, 15 defoliants were tested. The most effective were Agent White, Agent Blue and Agent Orange. All contained dioxin.

For troops on the ground, the defoliants' effects were obvious. Within days of spraying, foliage was brown and reeked of rot. Cattle sickened, fish floated belly-up, Vietnamese farmers and their families exhibited rashes and



**RAIN OF TERROR—**  
U.S. combat troops  
in Vietnam were  
exposed to 19  
million gallons of  
the deadly  
defoliant.



lost their hair. The Vietnamese had a prophetic name for the areas where the sticky rain fell: “the land of death.”

Meanwhile, the average grunt ate, drank, slept and lived with the chemical for weeks on end—an important point because later, the government's scientific community would claim that no GI could have suffered sufficient exposure during spraying missions. In truth, dangerous exposure did not require being

in an area when spraying actually took place. Areas were sprayed *specifically* to allow troops to move in without the risk of ambush. American troops thus had no way to escape the chemical.

While this was taking place, half a world away, Boehringer was warning Dow in March 1965 that Dow's practice of incinerating production wastes was a sure way of spewing a dioxin cloud all over Midland, Texas.



# THE COLOR OF LIES

**LONELY QUEST—**  
Arnold Schecter  
has been frustrated  
in his attempts to  
find money to study  
Agent Orange's  
effects on the  
Vietnamese.

**"I think it's very  
important to  
recognize the high  
probability that the  
children of veterans  
are suffering for  
(their parents')  
service."**

**—President Clinton, before  
a panel of veterans' service  
organizations, June 1996.**

Dow stopped burning its dioxin wastes—but no one told the troops in Vietnam, who by now were using it to defoliate areas around base camps to create fire zones. When the leaves and brush dried, diesel fuel was sprayed on the brush, ignited and burned, often blanketing LZs (landing zones) with choking plumes of smoke for days. Field commanders then discovered that by following up Agent Orange with napalm, they could bare huge sections of jungle.

*Der Spiegel* described the situation best: "Since dioxin molecules spread in fire like mosquitoes in a marsh, the military were putting rampant dioxin plan-

tations in the world by their new ruse of destruction."

By war's end, more than 19 million gallons of defoliant had been dumped across South Vietnam.

## Flimsy Studies...

When Agent Orange became the prime suspect in a number of post-war health problems, the federal government tried to deflect the issue.

"There were no troops present on the

ground during spraying operations," a Pentagon spokesman told congressional members of the first Agent Orange hearings. An outright lie, but one that was bought by the press—though some cynics surmised a secret agenda on the media's part. Reports were surfacing of paper and forestry workers complaining of problems identical to those faced by Vietnam veterans. Was it possible that the media's ready acceptance of Pentagon denials was associated with the links some media have with the paper industry?

A frustrated group of Vietnam veterans decided they would attack the problem at the source: the chemical companies. A group of veterans filed a class-action suit against the major chemical manufacturers in 1977. Had the veterans won, it would have cost the chemical manufacturers billions, because by their own estimates, as many as 250,000 veterans may have been affected. The veterans' court-appointed lawyers were up against a battery of chemical attorneys arrayed against them.

Apparently, the court ignored the fact that the "research" cited by defendants' attorneys had been performed by and for the chemical companies. Federal Judge Jack Weinstein added an element of



**EVIDENCE—**  
Dr. Jeanne  
Stellman's research  
in the Legion's  
Columbia University  
study revealed the  
effects of the  
Orange.



**FRONTLINE—**  
Former Legion  
staff member Dick  
Christian showed  
how spray records  
and troop  
deployments could  
be used for study.

8 MANON/MERCURY PICTURES

LEFT AND ABOVE: AMERICAN LEGION ARCHIVES





# THE COLOR OF LIES

**WASTE LAND—**  
The remains of  
a mangrove  
forest five years  
after being  
sprayed with  
herbicides. The  
dark spots are  
some surviving  
trees.

intimidation by warning the veterans' attorneys that they could be held personally responsible if they lost—and could in fact be financially liable to the veterans if they did not accept the settlement. Weinstein's heavy pressure led the veterans in May 1984 to settle out of court for \$273 million—a figure the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit would describe as mere "nuisance value."

A portion of the money from the settlement was earmarked for support groups under the auspices of AOCAP—the Agent Orange Class Action Program—to be administered by Weinstein. The funds came with strings attached. While the money could be used for research, in no way was the research to include studies of Agent Orange itself.

Convinced that only a full study of Vietnam veterans and Agent Orange would answer the nagging questions, The American Legion pushed for a legitimate, unbiased study by the federal government. Congress granted VA \$63 million to do the study, but problems soon arose. First, VA said it couldn't find any of the more than 1.5 million GIs who served in-country during Vietnam (even though VA officials must have literally stumbled over some sleeping homeless Vietnam veterans on their way to work). Eventually VA turned the bulk of the project over to the Centers for Disease Control. CDC said it was also unable to perform the research, claiming there was no way to determine who was or wasn't exposed.

Dick Christian, then director of the Army's Environmental Support Group

(ESG), strongly objected to CDC's claim and supplied CDC with ESG's spray charts, mission information and troop deployment records. Incredibly, CDC still maintained a study was impossible, this time because there was no way to ascertain just how much dioxin individual veterans may have soaked up. Still no all-encompassing studies were performed. Somehow, though, the \$63 million managed to get spent.

At the same time, Dr. Arnold Schecter, a researcher and former Army doctor, applied for a grant to perform a study in Vietnam. He reasoned that the Vietnamese had to live with exposure to defoliants even after U.S. troops withdrew. No money was ever granted Schecter. For years, he scrounged money from private sources to trek back and forth between Vietnam and the United States, gathering information in bits and pieces.

In 1988, The American Legion commissioned its own study—for considerably less than \$63 million—through Columbia University. The results linked some 21 diseases, most of them deadly forms of cancer, to dioxin exposure.

The government responded with "studies" of its own (some of them performed by the chemical giants), attempting to discredit the results of the Columbia scientists' work. To this day, the details of the Columbia study have been left out of purported government investigations into Agent Orange.

Consider VA's assessment of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL), a type

of cancer. In 1969, there were approximately 520,000 troops stationed in Vietnam. Worldwide, total U.S. military strength was 3.45 million, or about seven times the number in-country. All things being equal, if one Vietnam veteran contracted NHL, seven veterans who *didn't* serve in-country would also contract the disease.

That's not what happened. Based on in-patient veteran records, of the 201 NHL cases VA found, 100 were Vietnam veterans, the remaining 101 never set foot in-country. Statistically, if 100 Vietnam veterans contracted NHL, 700 non-Vietnam veterans should have also developed the disease. In fact, the study shows Vietnam veterans were seven times more likely to suffer from NHL than non-Vietnam veterans. Yet, VA's top science gurus claimed their studies showed no statistical difference between the two groups.

Owing to such suspect conclusions, it looked for a time as though the government was off the hook. Then two incidents took place that opened the can of worms all over again.

## ...and Failed Suits

First, Cate Jenkins, a young scientist inside the Environmental Protection Agency, went public with information that Monsanto had influenced the outcome of federally based studies, pressured EPA officials, and skewed the outcome of some research to guarantee a self-serving outcome. As a reward for her courage, Jenkins was banished from her office to a sub-basement cubicle, stripped of her normal duties and denied access to the media. She had to sue EPA under the whistle-blower protection act before she was reinstated.

For Monsanto, the repercussions were limited to \$16 million in punitive damages—mere peanuts considering what the company had at stake. Not a single indictment was handed down.

Another study, performed by the Air Force and dubbed "Ranch Hand," involved GIs who had actually handled the defoliant, loaded it into aircraft, or flown the missions; they were supposed to be compared to a control group who had never been exposed to dioxin. Again, the research was shod-

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# THEY ALSO SERVED...SO KILL THEM

**J**UST as the federal government was hoping the POW/MIA issue fizzled out, up pops some pesky survivor who just refuses to stay dead.

During the 1960s, various agencies of the federal government trained hundreds of Vietnamese commandos and sent them on covert missions into North Vietnam. Then, when they didn't come back, according to Tim Weiner, a *New York Times* reporter, the government simply declared them dead and paid their survivors \$4,000 in death benefits to get them off their backs. This, in spite of the fact that Radio Hanoi on at least one occasion announced the Scorpion team's (as they were code-named) capture alive. CIA documents also reveal that the agency knew they had been captured alive.

Rather than admit their capture, Special Operations Group commanders methodically crossed the names of the Scorpion team off as dead, primarily as

a money-saving measure to help support other operations in places like Laos. Naturally, the documents were classified top-secret.

The trouble is, nearly 200 of these American-trained, American-paid Scorpion team commandos didn't die, and another 100 from other CIA operations survived as well, much to the embarrassment of the federal government. Now they are showing up in the United States demanding back pay, as well as assistance to find some 88 of their comrades. Some endured as much as 10 years in prison and another 17 years as Vietnamese outcasts.

In all, attorneys for the Vietnamese survivors are demanding \$11 million in back pay, without interest. The amount equals about \$2,000 a year for each survivor. In government terms, that's a piddling amount, but the Justice Department, the Army and the CIA lawyers are fighting the settlement. They argue that secret contracts for covert operations are unenforceable

based on an 1865 court ruling dealing with a Union spy.

In truth, the potential damage the appearance of these surviving commandos can cause may extend far beyond a mere \$11 million in back wages. Says National Commander Daniel Ludwig, "If a couple hundred Vietnamese commandos survived their capture and imprisonment, is it not even more reasonable to expect that American GIs who were captured or are listed as MIA might still be alive? After all, the Vietnamese commandos must have been considered traitors and spies by the North Vietnamese government when they were captured. If anyone would have been executed as prisoners of war, it seems as though they most certainly would top the list."

According to Weiner, more old once-classified documents are emerging. Perhaps checking off our own POWs and MIAs—and with it, the normalizing of relations with Vietnam—may prove premature.

## Gulf Exams Expanded

The Department of Veterans Affairs offers special health examinations to a limited number of spouses and children of Persian Gulf War veterans. These exams are being used to gather information that may help VA to better understand the frequency of illnesses in family members of those who served in the Persian Gulf.

The exams are being scheduled only through VA's national Persian Gulf Helpline, (800) 749-8387, and are available only to spouses and children of those veterans who served in the Persian Gulf War before leaving the military and have received an exam under VA's Persian Gulf Registry program. Appointments will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, veterans may contact the Persian Gulf Registry coordinator at their local VA medical center. Keep in mind, the applicants will only undergo an examination and no treatment will be provided.

## Centralization Scrapped

Now, if a veteran files a claim in Los Angeles, it will be adjudicated in Los Angeles, thanks in large part to The American Legion. VA Secretary Jesse Brown had included in his FY 1997 budget a grand, if not ill-advised, plan to centralize a number of regional office activities. In the first phase, most requests for GI home loan eligibility certificates would have been handled by the VARO in North Carolina. Servicing of GI home loans would have been handled in either Denver or Cleveland. All compensation and pension claims would have been shifted from Alaska, Hawaii, Montana and Delaware to various other states. Cases from Los Angeles and Oakland would go to Phoenix, and those from New York to Philadelphia.

The idea was to save money by reducing staff. Although improved service was promised, it did not appear that much thought was given to how veterans would be affected, to the claims backlog and requests for per-

sonal hearings at the regional offices. The American Legion strongly opposed that part of the plan which would have affected claims adjudication on the basis that it was not practical or feasible, given the state of VA computer technology and the number of unknown costs.

Veterans already have had a sample of inefficiency and confusion because of the centralization of Persian Gulf claims at four VAROs and the pilot program for centralizing POW claims. Files have disappeared, claims have been poorly developed, and it has been difficult for veterans to get meaningful information on their claims.

Moreover, there was some question as to whether the VA secretary even had the authority to make such sweeping changes without congressional review of the plans and public hearings.

The end result is, at least for now, VA has been forced to abandon its attempt to consolidate benefit claims adjudication functions. □







# NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS POLLS SHOW INCREASED SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENT

**I**N A state known for its "Minute Man" heritage, an overwhelming majority of Massachusetts voters don't waste a second when it comes to voicing their feelings about the U.S. Flag. Most here believe a constitutional amendment is necessary to protect the flag from physical desecration.

The same can be said of New Jersey, where the Citizens Flag Alliance recently announced the results of a new statewide poll on the flag-protection amendment. The findings show that New Jersey voters rank a flag-protection amendment as a top priority and consider the amendment an important campaign issue for November's elections.

According to a May 1996 poll conducted by Wirthlin Worldwide, 77 percent of New Jersey voters favor a constitutional amendment to protect the flag. Seventy-one percent of those surveyed said that the act of burning the flag is not an appropriate expression of free speech. These results are an increase from a July 1995 flag-protection survey conducted in New Jersey by the Tarrance Group. The 1995 survey found that 61 percent of registered voters supported the flag-protection amendment and 70 percent considered flag burning an inappropriate expression of free speech.

Seventy-three percent of Massachusetts voters support the amendment, an increase of nine percentage points from a similar poll conducted in that state last August. The latest poll, conducted by

**Citizens  
Flag  
Alliance, Inc.**

Opinion Dynamics Corp. in mid-April, further revealed that 78 percent of voters said flag burning is not an appropriate form of free speech.

"These results show that support for the flag protection amendment remains exceptionally strong in Massachusetts and New Jersey despite the amendment's narrow defeat in the U.S. Senate last December," says CFA Vice Chairman Robert W. Spanogle.

A flag-protection amendment, **Senate Joint Resolution 31**, was defeated last December 63-36—just three votes shy of the two-thirds majority needed for passage.

While it remains uncertain to what extent a congressional candidate's sentiments toward the amendment may influence his or her campaign for office, their position could be a factor when voters enter the election booths next fall.

Sen. John Kerry voted against the amendment last December, while Gov. William Weld has declared his support for the measure. In a prepared statement, Weld wrote, "My support for a constitutional amendment to protect the flag is grounded in my belief that

legally sanctioning its desecration sends a chilling message to young people about the esteem in which we hold our country and its values."

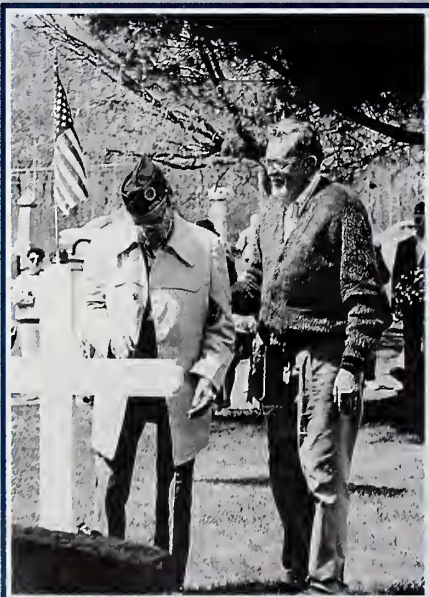
Polls conducted earlier this year have shown the two men deadlocked with each having 44 percent support of voters. A *Boston Globe*/WBZ-TV survey in April showed Kerry gaining a slim lead, but observers maintain that Kerry's edge is slipping.

New Jersey Sens. Bill Bradley and Frank Lautenberg voted against the legislation. The amendment passed the House of Representatives earlier last year by a vote of 312-120. Eleven out of 13 New Jersey representatives voted in favor of the legislation. Those voting against were Reps. Robert Torricelli and Donald M. Payne. The amendment must now be re-introduced and passed in the 105th Congress in order to be proposed as an amendment for ratification by the states.

"The national grassroots effort to pass a constitutional amendment will continue—just as Sen. Orrin Hatch [R-Utah] promised last December—and the CFA will rely on the continuing support of people in New Jersey and around the country as we work toward this goal," Spanogle concluded.

Information on candidate positions is provided as a public service to educate voters. The CFA does not endorse or oppose any candidate for public office. □

## IN REMEMBRANCE



**99-year-old Legionnaire Albino Endrizzi of Wisconsin's Post 58 lays a wreath at the cross commemorating the Civil War dead during the Memorial Day activities in Hurley, Wis. Endrizzi, the oldest living war veteran of Iron County, is assisted by his son, Gilbert.**



# Legion Mall Adds New Memorials

**A**S THE American flag flew at half mast, a crowd of more than 6,000 gathered on The American Legion Mall in Indianapolis to watch the annual 500 Festival Memorial Service.

Unique to this year's ceremony was the dedication of two new memorials honoring Indiana natives who had been killed in the Vietnam and Korean wars.

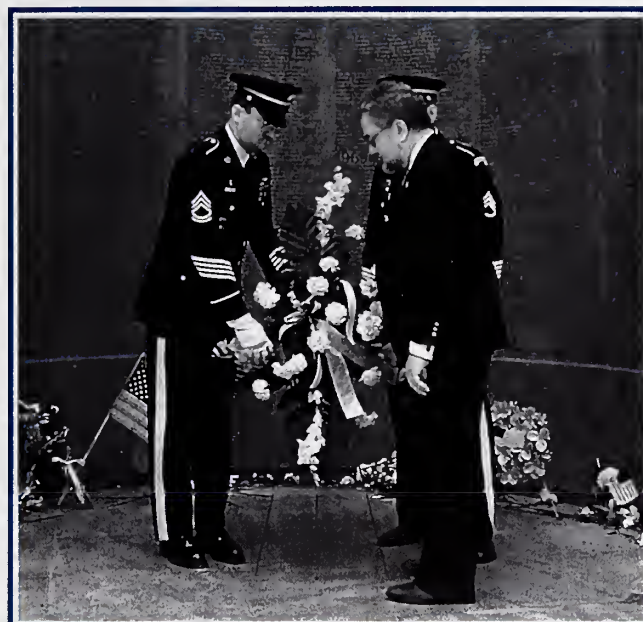
Douglas Hall, a Vietnam veteran who came to watch the event, said he was pleased by the impressive turnout. "Soldiers of the Korean and Vietnam wars are often called the forgotten warriors. I think it's good that so many people came to show them they are not forgotten."

Indiana Gov. Evan Bayh dedicated the memorials, which are inscribed with

several letters Indiana soldiers had written to their families during the wars, along with the names of Hoosiers who had been killed. "These monuments make no distinction of wealth, race or age," said Bayh. "Today they are simply Hoosiers and Americans."

Speakers included National Adjutant Robert W. Spanogle, Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith and Vietnam War radio personality and Legionnaire Adrian Cronauer. Cronauer, whose service has been immortalized in the film *Good Morning, Vietnam*, not only delivered a speech at the ceremony, but also placed a wreath on the Vietnam memorial in remembrance of his fellow soldiers who did not make it back from Southeast Asia.

"It's quite an honor to be



**DEDICATION**—Special guest Adrian Cronauer places a wreath at the new Vietnam Memorial on The American Legion Mall in Indianapolis.

here," Cronauer said, "This was as well conducted and meaningful a service as any I've ever been to. It was

especially touching to place the wreath on the memorial. "Quite frankly, it got to me." □

## SAVINGS ABOUND FOR MEMBERS

**S**INCE its inception 10 months ago, The American Legion Discount Prescription Program has generated nearly \$2 million in savings for Legionnaires, Sons of The American Legion members and their dependents—and the savings continue to pile up.

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save more than 17 percent on average.

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**RxAmerica**

family members will always get the lower price. Members can expect to save money about 90 percent of the time. In fact, program officials say the only time Legion family members don't save money is when a pharmacy offers brand-name drugs on sale as "loss leaders" to attract customers.

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By saving money on the medications they take, many Legionnaires, SAL members and their dependents use this program as a cure for what ails their pocketbooks. Proof once again that membership has its privileges. □



# LEGION HONORS YOUTH CHAMPIONS

**C**ONTINUING its commitment to young people, two young adults have won top American Legion awards.

The American Legion's 1996 Eagle Scout of the Year was awarded to 17-year-old Grant Garrigues. Garrigues receives \$8,000 from the Legion to be used toward his college education.

The son of Maxine and Ned Garrigues, Grant hails from San Diego, Calif. Both his father and grandfather, Tom Wilson, are Legionnaires.

Garrigues is a high-school senior and an honors student. His involvement in school activities is immense, ranging from varsity letters in swimming and water polo, to being head of his school's Roman Club. He currently serves as junior assistant scoutmaster of Troop 500. Throughout the course of his six years as a Scout, he has earned numerous awards, held several different leadership positions for his troop and was selected for membership into the Order of the Arrow.

Garrigues earned the Eagle rank, Scouting's top honor, in a swift three and a half years. Since then, he has continued his pace in Scouting, earning five Eagle Palms, 21 merit badges (for 53 total) and the rarely awarded William T. Hornaday Conservation Award.

Garrigues was selected from a field of 33 Department applicants from around the country. Three runners-up also earned honors in the Legion contest. Michael E.



**GRANT GARRIGUES**  
Eagle Scout of the Year

Paulhus of Metairie, La.; Sandar J. Laan of Calhoun, Ga.; and Timothy S. MacLaughlin of Petersburg, Va. each will receive \$2,000 scholarships.

## Oratorical

A crowded field of more than 30,000 young adults was narrowed to just four last spring, who met in Topeka, Kan., to determine who would earn the title of champion in the 59th annual American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest.

When all was said and read, Kaleen E. Love came out on top for her stirring speech about the U.S. Constitution, "We the People." The 17-year-old senior from Mesa, Ariz., went home with more than a title: She also earned \$18,000 in scholarship money for her effort.

"The Constitution is based upon us as citizens and consequently implies mutual cooperation and obligation between the gov-

ernment and the people. To understand what this mutual obligation means to us we need to examine the relationship between individual and community rights, to define the limit of those rights, and then to look to the future," Love said in her oration.

Love had been researching the Constitution for an essay when she learned of the Legion event. "I love public speaking, and who can't use some extra money for college, so this sounded like a great fit for me. It really piqued my interest," Love says. No stranger to public speaking, Love is secretary of the Speech and Debate Team at Mountain View High School. She also stays active in National Honor Society, Art Club, Christians in Action, a YMCA fitness program, and a city softball league.

Apache Post 27 sponsored Kaleen, the daughter of Rick and Fran Love. She plans to attend Arizona State University, where she will prepare for a career in politics, international law or business.

The three runners-up didn't go home empty handed, either. Lina Shah of Chestnut Ridge, N.Y., earned \$16,000 for her second place finish; Joe Reske of Plano, Texas, received \$14,000 for placing third; and Marie Tornberg of Beresford, S.D., now has \$12,000 more for her college fund. Tornberg, the only junior to make the final cut, also followed in her mother's—and grandmother's—footsteps by attending Girls State earlier this summer. □

## LEGIONNAIRES IN ACTION

*Editor's Note: Literally dozens of Legionnaires wrote in May and June of new memorials dedicated by their Posts on Memorial Day. Space limitations make it impossible to run each one individually, so please accept the thanks of Legionnaires worldwide for your sacrifices in wartime, and your remembrance in peace.*

**Newton Falls Post 236** in Ohio wishes the best for active member Steve Nam-esnik. This 69-year-old former Marine came out of retirement to serve with U.S. forces as an interpreter in Bosnia.

**Chicago-Nisei Post 1183** members honor Rocky Matayoshi, who received his Distinguished Service Cross last May—51 years after his heroic actions in Italy saved the lives of many of his comrades.

**John Rich Pentecost Post 53** of Winder, Ga., continues to rebuild after the Post was destroyed by fire last March. Members are seeking one another out to rebuild both membership and the Post itself, which was uninsured.

**Pearce-Keller Post 17** of Manhattan, Kan., recently honored Gordon Bord-wick for his 77 years of membership in The American Legion during a ceremony at the Colmery-O'Neil VA Medical Center.

**Geist-Berkanski Post 91** of Mt. Carmel, Pa., moves forward with plans to honor the late Lt. Gen. James M. Gavin with a memorial. The general commanded the mighty 82nd Airborne Division during World War II. □



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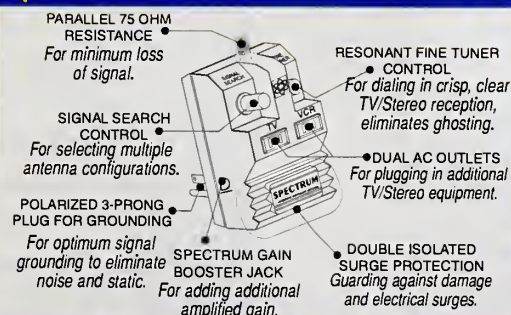
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 USS Saidor CVE-117 #22309  
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 USS San Diego CLAA-53 #22464  
 USS Sands DD-243/APD-13 #18494  
 USS San Jacinto CVL-30 (Incl Air Grps)  
 #18229  
 USS Santee CVE-29 Assn (WWII)  
 #13496  
 USS Sargo SSN-583 #19954  
 USS Scorpion, SSN 589 #23337  
 USS Shannon DM-25 #18397  
 USS Shea DM-30 (WWII) #20640  
 USS Shelton DD-790 #10477  
 USS Skagit AKA-105 #17395  
 USS Snowden DE-246 (43-69) #30076  
 USS Spangler DE-696 #23321  
 USS Sperry AS-12 (42-82) #11866  
 USS Spica AK-16 (WWII) #20682  
 USS Steinkor DD/DR-863 #19636  
 USS Stephen Potter DD-538 (DESRON-  
 52) #12263  
 USS Stockham DD-683 (WWII/Korea)  
 #17508  
 USS St Paul CA-73/SSN-708 "The Fight-  
 ing Saint" (Incl Mar) #10548  
 USS Tattnall DD-125/APD-19 #11173  
 USS Terrell Co LST-1157 #13028  
 USS The Sullivans DD-537 (DESRON-  
 52) #12262  
 USS Thornhill DE-195 #20810  
 USS Tripoli CVE-64 (Korea 52-56)  
 #22432  
 USS Walter B. Cobb APD-106 (1945/57)  
 #18441  
 USS Whitley AKA-91 (1944/54) #21967  
 USS William T Powell DE-213 #11503  
 USS Willis DE-395 #11066  
 USS Wilson DD-408 (39-46) #18417  
 USS Winoski AO-38 (41-46) #16312  
 USS Yorktown Assn & Air Groups (43-  
 70) #22397  
 USS Zaniah AG-70 #10778  
 USS Zellars DD-777 (44-72) #17845  
 V-5 Pgm, 6th Bn (Wooster, OH 43)  
 #21249  
 VA-728/VA-155 (Korea, 50-55) #18460  
 VB/VB-148 #18876  
 VC-35/VAW-35 Assn #22292  
 VC-42 (WWII) #17319  
 VJ/VU-1/VU-7A, Utility Sq 1 (NAS Bar-  
 bers Pt) #22504  
 VPB-117, "Blue Raiders" #21299  
 VR-22 Sq (40s-60s) #18291  
 VT-3 (USS Yorktown 44-45) #23316  
 VX-3 (Fixed Wing Sq) #14392  
 WAVES: NAS Whiting Field, Sq. 8C/3  
 #21060  
 YO-40 (Green Cove Springs, FL 51/52)  
 #18834

## Air Force

3rd Hospital Grp, 7510th Hospital (Wim-  
 pole Pk, Eng) #15058  
 5th AF, 54th TC Wing, 65th TCS #15004  
 5th AF (Nagoya Airbase, Japan) #19624  
 7th AF, Hq/Hq Sq (ETO WWII) #20455  
 8th AF, 487th Bomb Grp(H) (WWII)  
 #10463  
 17th AF, 38th Tac Msl Wing, 887th Tac  
 Msl Sq, C Flight (Ger.) #11388  
 21st/6461st TC Sq "Kyushu Gypsies"  
 (52-53) #19786  
 26th Air Div (Roslyn AFB, 48-58) #19247  
 41st RSM/7011th Pers Proc Sq (Ger 51-  
 57) #21419  
 43rd Bomb Wing (Davis-Monthan AFB  
 48-53) #23322  
 64th Ftr. Wing, 82nd/328th Ftr. Ctrl.  
 Sq's, 582nd Air. Warn. #20008  
 66th Constabulary Sq (46-52) #23318  
 95th Ftr. Sq. (WWII) #14964  
 330th Bomb Grp (VH) Assn (Guam 45)  
 #21842  
 339th Ftr Sq Assn (47-58) #10707  
 371st Ftr. Grp., 405th Ftr. Sq. (WWII)  
 #21546  
 459th Ftr. Sq. #21540  
 525th Ftr Intercept Sq (Bitburg, Ger)  
 #14792  
 552nd AF Band (NYANG) #14021  
 932nd AW (Incl predecessor units/civil-  
 ian employees/reservists) #11104

2750th ABW Air Police #14031  
 3082nd Sup Sq, AMC, Deep Creek Sta-  
 tion, WA (51-55) #23319  
 3276th Student Sq (Lackland AFB 1958)  
 #22312  
 7505th USAF Hospital #21612  
 Air Police School, Flight 1045 (Lackland  
 AFB 56-57) #23329  
 Air Weather Recon Assn #12385  
 Pilot Trng Class 56-U #22492  
 Recruit Sq 31-10-6 (Lackland Sept 56)  
 #23330  
 Sampson AFB Vets Assn (51-56)  
 #14927  
 Security Police Assn. #15159  
 Thunderbirds Alumni Assn #30023

## Army Air Force

1st Tac AF (Prov), Hq Sq (WWII) #19415  
 5th AF, 46th Serv Grp, HQ/61st/481st  
 Serv Sqs (WWII) #21428  
 7th AF, 41st Bomb Grp, 48th Bomb Sq  
 #23317  
 8th AF, 356th Ftr Grp, 359th, 360th,  
 361st & Hq Sqs (WWII) #21629  
 8th AF, 364th Ftr Grp/Supt Units (Hon-  
 ington WWII) #15153  
 8th AF, 390th Bomb Grp (WWII) #10469  
 8th AF, 491st Bomb Grp(H) (WWII)  
 #12412  
 8th AF, 66th Ftr. Sq. #16758  
 8th Ftr. Grp., 33rd/35th/36th/80th Sqs.  
 #12451  
 9th AF, 391st Bomb Group Assn #20978  
 9th AF, 74th Air Serv Grp, 390th Air  
 Serv Sq #10416  
 9th AF, 9th TC Cmd, 315th TC Grp  
 (WWII) #16864  
 9th Aircraft Maint Unit (F) #23069  
 13th AF, 5th Bomb Grp(H), 868th Bomb.  
 Sq., "The Snoopers" (WWII) #16935  
 13th AF Veterans Assn. (All 13th AF  
 Vets invited) #22748  
 14th Ftr Grp, 48th Ftr Sq (P-38s, incl  
 deactivated 48th Ftr, WWII) #22822  
 15th AF, 459th Bomb Grp Assn (WWII)  
 #15186  
 18th Air Depot Grp, Hq/Hq Sq (Italy  
 WWII) #16932  
 19th Bomb Grp Assn #10598  
 20th AF Guam Group (WWII) #23187  
 20th Combat Mapping Sq #16867  
 22nd Ftr Bomb Sq (Fürstenfeldbruck/  
 Bitburg, 51/54) #19819  
 43rd Bomb Grp(H) Assn (WWII) #11003  
 48th Ftr. Grp., 493rd Ftr. Sq. #20843  
 50th TC Wing, Hq/Hq Sq (WWII) #16898  
 71st Ftr Wing, Hq/Hq Sq #16759  
 79th Ftr. Grp. Assn., 85th/86th/87th Ftr.  
 Sqs. (WWII) #23099  
 85th Depot Repair Sq (WWII) #20894  
 89th Service Sq #22749  
 97th Bomb Grp Assn (WWII) #10435  
 306th Bomb Grp. Assn. (1942/45) #20442  
 314th TC Grp, 61st TC Sq (WWII)  
 #16968  
 317th Air Serv Sq #16918  
 320th Bomb Grp, 441/442/443/444th  
 Sqs #10939  
 345th Bomb Grp (M), 498-501st Bomb  
 Sqs (B-25s, WWII) #20946  
 379th Bomb Grp (WWII) #16770  
 384th Grp, 6th Serv Sq, 443rd Sub  
 Depot Sq #20523  
 388th Bomb Grp (H) Assn #10378  
 486th Bomb Grp(H) Assn (Eng, WWII)  
 #16895  
 505th Bomb Grp, 313th Bomb Wing  
 (VH, WWII) #20507  
 801st/492nd Bomb Grp, Spec Op "Car-  
 petbaggers" #10362  
 926th Sig Bn (SEP TAC)(ETO WWII)  
 #10208  
 931st Sig Bn Avn Sp #16764  
 Air Transport Command (ETO, WWII)  
 #18749  
 Avn Cadet Class 42-K #19061  
 Pampa Army Airfield #18707  
 Pilot Class 44-C, SEFTC (Marianna, FL)  
 #23326  
 Sequoia Field (Visalia, CA) Reunion  
 #21515

## Marines

1st Mar Div, 1st Rgt, 2nd Bn, F Co  
 (WWII) #17079  
 1st Prov Marine Bde (Korea) #17180  
 2nd Mar Div Assn (All Eras) #10839  
 2nd MAW, Hq Sq (WWII) #22818  
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# New Breakthrough: YOU CAN AVOID OR RELIEVE PROSTATE PROBLEMS!



Victor D. Cantreras, M.D., chief of staff at Santa Paula Memorial Hospital and a clinical instructor at Glendale Adventist School of Medicine, said, "The research supporting the effectiveness of the ingredients in Prostrin is very impressive. I recommend Prostrin to all men over 40 and give it to my patients who already have prostate disorders because it works and is safe."

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The current medical treatments in the United States for prostate disorders are of "doubtful value", according to Dr. Edward Giovannucci of Harvard Medical School.

However, European scientists, in an intensive campaign, have found significant answers to this awful scourge of manhood.

## Majority Relieved

Their first breakthrough was found in the extract from the bark of an African tree called "Pygeum". Thirty-eight of Europe's most prominent scientists conducted double-blind, placebo-controlled tests in 13 hospitals in Switzerland, Germany, France and Italy on over 600 patients with prostate malfunctions. The majority of the patients experienced substantial relief of symptoms. Pygeum inhibited the production of a metabolite implicated in causing the prostate to enlarge.

Then scientists at the University of Munich and Warsaw School of Medicine found that if they added a particular polysaccharide and an isolectin from the root of the *Urtica dioica* plant, the results were almost twice as good.

## Most Dreaded Concern

There were good reasons this combination worked so well. The *Urtica* ingredients tested in vitro showed that they gave the immune system a tremendous boost by substantially increasing lymphocytes, which defuse runaway rogue cells with damaged genes. Dr. A. Frisen, of the urology department of Munich City Hospital, conducted a double-blind, clinical trial of the *Urtica* extract. He found that *Urtica* reduced urination problems by 83% and increased urine flow by 87%, improving

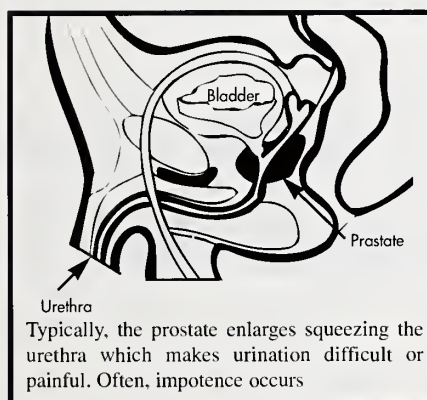
the health of 91% of the patients.

What puzzled scientists for awhile was why men in Italy and Greece had about 45% less prostate problems than other Europeans or Americans. This is where American scientists were able to show off.

The most abundant carotenoid in the prostate is "lycopene." American scientists discovered lycopene in the skin of tomatoes. Italians and Greeks have a much heavier diet of tomato products than other people in the world.

## 47,894 Doctors

Dr. Giovannucci at Harvard Medical School led a research team that followed the eating habits of 47,894 doctors for six years. Those who ate 10 meals or more per week, containing tomato products, had about 30% fewer occurrences of prostate tumors. There's not much lycopene in tomatoes, and this was apparent in those who ate only three or four tomato products a week. They only had about 15% fewer occurrences of tumors.



Extracts from *Pygeum*, *Urtica* and tomatoes are called "phytochemicals." Tumor researchers are really excited about them. Dr. D.L. Davis of the U.S. Public Health Service said, "Phytochemicals can take tumors and defuse them. They can turn off the proliferative process of tumors."

The berry of the saw palmetto palm has been touted as a deterrent for prostate problems. However, one scientist compared the palm berry to the phytochemicals mentioned here in this way, "That's like comparing aspirin to morphine."

## No Prescription Needed

In Germany, over 90% of the men are now being helped with phytochemicals. Only one company in the U.S. is distributing a pharmaceutical-grade product con-

Arnold Fox, M.D., an internist, cardiologist and former medical school professor, is the author of *Solving The Prostate Problem* and has appeared on over



100 radio and TV shows, including *Good Morning America* and *CNN*. He said, "When actor Bill Bixby and musician Frank Zappa died of prostate cancer in their fifties, a lot of men got scared and rightly so. About 80% of men will experience prostate problems during their lives. Fortunately, Prostrin can help stimulate your body to correct and avoid this problem."

taining *Pygeum*, *Urtica* and lycopenes. The product is PROSTRIN and is available from Faraday Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

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## FOR OUR EYES

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The Eye Care Plan of America brings nothing but satisfied comments from Legionnaires all over the country and, as Adjutant Johnson put it, "It's just another great benefit from being a member of The American Legion." □

—By Rich Powell

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Ensconced in data-display bunkers with wraparound screens resembling an IMAX theater, commanders will conduct operations like players in a vast, fast-moving computer game. The speed of complex combat actions and their equally complex reactions will be limited only by the speed of electronic data transmission.

Has the enemy begun shifting artillery northward from Point A toward Point B? Numerous reconnaissance sources record what's happening and transmit it to powerful computers, which process the data and display it on sophisticated wall-size panels. A commander studies, ponders, calculates and makes a decision: *We'll outflank 'em with air power at Point C.* Data are downloaded into on-board computers in a squadron of stealth fighters, and *boom*, we stop the enemy in his tracks.

Research into and development of ways to gather and present information permitting such speedy response is under way at military centers from San Diego, Calif., to Fort Monmouth, N.Y.

An example is the Army's Tank-automotive Armament Command in Warren, Mich., which is hard at work developing the next generation of the Abrams main battle tank. One goal, says Dan Mariana, Advanced Demonstration Technology Manager, is that no crew need ever confront unfamiliar turf. Continuous updating of an on-board computerized database would make the latest developments available at the click of a mouse.

Not only will displays show crews maps of the terrain, but satellites and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) will communicate up-to-the-minute changes in same. For example, says Mariana, "If somebody blows up a bridge, this display will show the tank crew the consequence immediately." The Navy, working with U.S. oceanographic agencies, has begun mapping the entire ocean floor as well. Soon, ships and submarines will have virtually the same sort of technology available to them as tank crews and infantry.

Of course, personnel must be able to make sense of all this information. Perceptual psychologists are working with engineers to provide just the right combination of user-friendly data and



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accessibility to increased detail. Ted Zimmerman of the Secretary of the Army's office points out that simulators are an important training tool. "We've got to keep the information manageable," he says. "You don't want overload on the battlefield." He sees the systems working with a graphical interface, incorporating user-friendly icons which speed operation and don't require a two-inch-thick manual to decipher.

### Star Wars

It's 2006, and a touchy political situation threatens American interests in a far corner of the globe. U.S. military leaders quickly respond, sending a sleek aircraft carrier group steaming toward the trouble spot.

Satellite and high-altitude spy plane photographs give Pentagon strategists their first overviews. Quickly, the brass orders more detailed studies with much higher resolution. But this needn't involve risking personnel. (Besides, who needs another Francis Gary Powers-style crisis if one of our fliers falls into hostile hands?) So an Air Force general deploys a fleet of UAVs, including the latest version of the medium-altitude Predator, an early

generation of which served in Desert Storm. Further, since anti-aircraft attacks are likely, the general also has the option of ordering more sophisticated—and more expensive—new DarkStar UAVs, practically undetectable by hostile forces because of advanced stealth features.

The highly maneuverable aircraft remain aloft for between 12 and 42 hours at a stretch, clicking off optical, infrared and radar images by the thousands and monitoring enemy communications or even jamming them. The snooping provides real-time pinpoint intelligence on troop and artillery movements, location of bunkers, radar and communications antennae and missile and storage installations. And if one or two or even a dozen of the UAVs gets hit, so be it, says John Entzminger, Advanced Research Projects Agency's director for high-altitude endurance UAV development: "They're pretty cheap."

Depending on developments, the next step might be to ready air strikes. Because portable anti-aircraft weapons already are available to our enemies in virtually every potential combat theater, computer-driven cockpit displays (or face-mask displays) tip our fighter

or bomber pilots to any hostile forces or incoming rockets. Those same displays keep pilots on target and guide their escape.

Meanwhile, seagoing vessels, including tiny submarines, patrol coastlines and shipping channels, protecting our ships. Like the aircraft, they receive millions of bits of data from radar, sonar, cameras, satellites and UAVs, constantly updating their ocean-floor database—a continuous display of everything that's going on around them, both on and under the surface.

In preparation for ground troops, generals deploy space-age all-terrain field robots, like those NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory is developing for Mars exploration. The spider-like devices not only root out and deactivate land mines, but also detect and transmit the extent and nature of lingering chemical, biological and radioactive threats.

You might be wondering at this point, with drone aircraft overhead and field robots on the ground, why not just dispense with human forces entirely? "Our rules of engagement really won't permit that," advises Hopper, explaining that when you're

# Honey, Garlic and Vinegar Better Than Prescription Drugs?

(SPECIAL) We know that ancient civilizations relied on their healing power for a wide variety of ailments. In fact, honey was so prized by the Romans for its medicinal properties that it was used instead of gold to pay taxes. Egyptian doctors believed garlic was the ultimate cure-all. And vinegar has been used for everything from arthritis to obesity for over 7000 years.

Today doctors and researchers hail the healing abilities of honey, garlic and vinegar as much more than folklore. Hundreds of scientific studies have been conducted on this dream team of healers. The results are conclusive on their amazing power to prevent and cure many common health problems.

These studies prove that this trio from nature's pharmacy can help **reduce blood pressure, lower cholesterol, improve circulation, lower blood sugar levels and help fight cancer.** Scientific evidence also indicates that they can be of medicinal value in the treatment of: **arthritis, athlete's foot, bronchitis, burns, colds and flu, cold sores, constipation, cramps, diarrhea, eczema, earaches, fatigue, fungus, heart problems, muscle aches, prostatitis, psoriasis, rheumatism, ringworm, sinus congestion, sore throat, urinary infections, virus and yeast infections and more.**

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dropping bombs and artillery shells, "you have to have a very high assurance that you've got a military and not a civilian target in your sights." This calls for a visual identification by pilots or field personnel.

And so, once the battle theater is safe enough, live land warriors arrive,

outfitted in the latest high-tech equipment. Protecting the nerve center of these walking "weapons platforms" are lightweight, high-impact plastic headgear, whose advantages over the previous generation of helmets can be compared to the advantages an M-16 offers over a flintlock. Even under the worst conditions, the gear shields GIs from shrapnel and permits them to gather more information from their surroundings than any soldiers in history.

Integral to the helmets are tiny monitors connected to dark- and fog-

piercing cameras. Helmets also have voice- and data-communications units available on demand.

Plus, ground troops can summon up-to-the-minute digitized battlefield maps right on the helmet eyepiece, handle their own data transmissions, and serve as operations centers for all the technology at their disposal, instantly.

Flexible body armor will become part of the uniforms of future infantry, and wireless digital communicators will link them to remote command posts.

Instead of the rifle familiar to today's veterans, tomorrow's field personnel will tote computerized particle-beam weapons that double as telescopic thermal cameras capable of transmitting digital photos.

"All this and more is being tested and refined here at our battle lab right now," says Richard Caravana, a supervisory combat-development specialist at a hush-hush Fort Benning, Ga., facility.

"I guess, long-term, warfare actually could end up looking sort of like a Nintendo game," says Col. Doug Carlson, Air Force Deputy Director of Advanced Research Projects, whose specialty is long-endurance unmanned aerial vehicles.

Interestingly, one trouble with such a prospect could be the very remoteness of events and the commanders' detachment from them: If there's a little boom on the screen, so what? It might not have as much impact or immediacy as if you're on the scene, watching your own troops take fire around you. "Maybe," Carlson muses, "you'd be more tempted to do something really dramatic if there didn't seem to be much consequence to you. I'm not sure that would be a good thing."

Still, in the end, Carlson doesn't think all these enhanced technological capabilities will cause U.S. decision-makers to be excessively trigger-happy.

It's not likely, he feels, that the military planners who are busy digitizing the battlefield will ever lose sight of the fact that those blips on the screen are live Americans.

The point of all this battlefield wizardry, after all, is not technology for technology's sake, or productivity for the sheer purpose of saving a buck. It's about saving American lives.

Or as Wright-Patterson's Hopper bluntly puts it, "so that we'll be better at killing the enemy before he kills us." □



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The company taking over the program is United Space Alliance (USA), a venture between Rockwell and Lockheed-Martin.

They hope to have commercial and government payloads, and in the process lower the costs to taxpayers for space exploration.

**Q.** What special projects are the astronauts working on?

**A.** The astronauts will be working with a machine called a bioreactor in which we can build three-dimensional human tissue outside the body. We've already built cartilage, muscles and three-dimensional cancer tumors.

If we can prove that these tumors are the same as those in the human body, doctors could develop therapy without hurting the person.

**Q.** Do you think the public takes the space shuttle and the space program for granted, considering the Challenger tragedy in 1986?

**A.** Most Americans take traveling in airplanes for granted today, and there's nothing wrong with that. I remember when I was a small boy and saw the first jet plane—it was an event.

Most people watch the shuttle because it's an inspiring event. I defy a person to go down to a launch, feel that rocket blast, and not have tears in their eyes.

**Q.** Are there plans to put a teacher in space or other civilians who can assist with promotion and research?

**A.** No, because it sends a wrong signal. The shuttle is an exciting developmental machine whose reliability is not quite ready for public travel.

In time, we're going to have a more reliable rocket run by private firms. NASA wants to make the technology available so that companies can open up the space frontier, make money and make space travel available to the average American.

**Q.** What is the purpose of the U.S.-led international space station?

**A.** First, we have to live and work effectively in space. Second, a whole range of scientific research can

be explored in space using an environment with low levels of gravity. The space station will allow us to do research on combustion, the physics of fluid phase transition; what happens when you go from solid to liquid or liquid to gas.

**Q.** How many countries will be involved?

**A.** The U.S.-led space station will require assistance from 14 countries: 10 in Europe, Japan, Canada, Russia and the United States.

**Q.** How much will the space station cost? Is it worth it?

**A.** The American investment for development and assembly is \$27.4 billion. I think it will be \$13 billion per year to operate, so the total cost will be \$40.4 billion to get up and running. That's the U.S. contribution.

There's no doubt in my mind that the space station is worth the cost. If we had an attitude of being afraid to explore, we wouldn't be the great nation we are today.

**Q.** When will the station be completed?

**A.** It will begin construction in November 1997, and will be completed in 2002.

Then, there will be 10 years of operation after that.

**Q.** Looking further into the future, will there be colonies in space or on other planets?

**A.** In 50 years, there will be colonies in space. There could be small colonies in 25.

I think non-governmental travel to space could take place in the next 5 to 10 years. That is, non-government astronauts in non-government vehicles.

**Q.** What qualities do veterans bring to NASA?

**A.** There are unbelievable qualities that veterans have: loyalty to country; intensity of focus to solve problems; a toughness, not a meanness; a commitment to America and unbelievable creativity.

**Q.** How important is public support for space exploration?

**A.** The space program exists at the pleasure of the American people. Without the support of the American people, we cannot and should not have a space program.

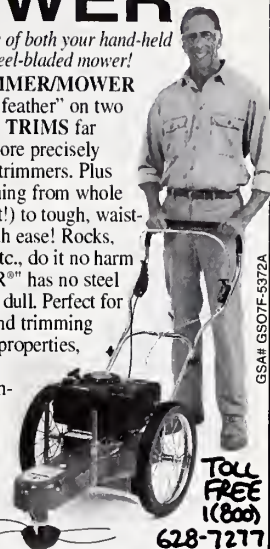
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## COLD CASH

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to \$1 million—were no happier than a random group of non-winners from the same parts of the city. And winners actually took less pleasure from such everyday niceties as watching television, reading a magazine, getting a compliment or talking with friends.

It appears that winning set their expectations of life higher, according to Ronnie Janoff-Bulman, a psychologist at the University of Massachusetts, one of the core researchers on the study. The Rolls Royce lifestyle for some, she says, is more like a treadmill “where they keep upping the ante of what they want.”

Psychologist Steven J. Danish, director of the Life Skills Center at Virginia Commonwealth University, has lectured lottery winners on how to keep their windfalls from blowing them over. Danish says they typically suffer five bad feelings:

*Surprised*, first because they won, second because taxes gobble \$400,000 of every \$1 million;

*Guilty* that they can't make everyone's dreams come true;

*Invaded* by people who expect to know all about you, and tell you how to spend your money;

*Threatened* by some of these people; and

*Confused* by all the legal fine print, the glad-handers who want a piece of the prize, and the general chaos that attends such a dramatic change in one's circumstances.

As for the carefree life of the newly rich, Danish says, “It's often a lot easier to dream it than live it.”

The problems Danish and others have identified explain why at least half of the state lotteries now offer some kind of follow-up assistance to winners, says David Gale, executive director of the North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries. The help includes financial advice and guidance on dealing with the media. Danish was one of the speakers when winner seminars began in Virginia last November. One of his primary focuses was teaching members of the group how to say *No!*

That was the lesson Robert Castleberry, 66, had to learn fast after he won \$10 million courtesy of Publisher's Clearing House in 1989. Not a day goes by, he says, when a money-seeker

doesn't call, write or appear in person. Nonetheless, Castleberry says the calls are a small price to pay for the pleasure of living as a multimillionaire.

His secret? He says he didn't change much about his lifestyle. He continues to live in the apartment he's occupied for 25 years. He didn't impulsively quit his job as a sales executive with a Texas company. And when he did finally quit, he got another position he'd wanted for years. He ran for mayor of his Texas town, won, and became a successful one-man crusade for attracting new business to the city, where, thanks to his efforts, there are now 5,000 more jobs than there was when he was elected; property taxes also have plummeted 25 percent. The multimillion-dollar mayor answers the office phone himself. In the last election, he ran unopposed.

Which is not to say that Castleberry lives like a monk, exactly. He's got 150 ties and a dozen pairs of custom-made cowboy boots. One day he called the local Rolls Royce dealer and invited him to lunch. “Bring samples of colors and leathers,” he told the dealer. At the restaurant, Castleberry ordered lunch for two—and a \$160,000 white Silver Spur with red upholstery. Today, Castleberry says, “I'm as happy as can be. Every day is like Christmas.” Perhaps that's because he still enjoys the simple pleasures such as talking to people or reading a magazine.

At a banquet after he won, Castleberry asked the president of Publisher's Clearing House if he was still eligible for the reduced subscription rates. Why of course, she replied. What magazine did he want to order?

“*Fortune*,” he said. □

## WOODPECKERS

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law defines *take* in part as *to harm*. The government developed a theory. In order to survive as a species, individual birds must breed; they can breed successfully only in a particular habitat; to destroy that habitat is to harm the birds, that is, to “take” them.

In practical application, this meant logging companies in the Pacific Northwest *could not log their own property* without running into the severe punishments provided by the act.

Caught in this web of regulation, many families in the area of Sweet Home, Ore., found themselves in a desperate plight. Logging is their way of life. It was bad enough, in their view, that the government sharply restricted logging on government land. To apply the Endangered Species Act to private property was devastating.

The loggers went to court; the Supreme Court ruled 6-3 against them. Speaking through Justice John Paul Stevens, the Court accepted the government's theory intact, with Justice Sandra Day O'Connor adding a note of special ecological compassion. To prevent the woodpeckers from breeding, she said, would impair their “most essential physical functions.” She did not address the harm done by taking the livelihood of hundreds of logging families.

All this was too much for Justice Antonin Scalia. Joined by Justice Thomas and by Chief Justice William Rehnquist, Scalia erupted in stinging dissent. He first noted that the Endangered Species Act specifically authorizes the use of tax funds to acquire private lands in order to preserve habitat. This would be the fair way of protecting the birds. But this was not the government's way:

The Court's protection of habitat *on private lands* “imposes unfairness to the point of financial ruin—not just upon the rich, but upon the simplest farmer who finds his land conscripted to national zoological use.”

Justice Scalia is right, of course. Under the government's sweeping interpretation of the concept of harm, “a farmer who tills his field and causes erosion that makes silt run into a nearby river which depletes oxygen and thereby ‘impairs the breeding’ of protected fish, has ‘taken’ or ‘attempted to take’ the fish.” This struck Scalia as

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"nonsense"—and so it is.

Once again, in effect, the government had simply seized private property for public purposes.

IT IS worth noting at this point that the legal doctrine of "forfeiture" goes back a long way. Governments have power to confiscate property that is used in the commission of a crime. Prudently applied, the doctrine makes sense. It would be truly remarkable to return a smoking pistol to a man who had just murdered his wife.

When the doctrine is invoked against an innocent property owner, though, something is grossly wrong.

During the long dark night of Prohibition, police often confiscated automobiles used by bootleggers, even though the owners of the vehicles may have been bone-dry teetotalers. That happened to an automobile dealer in Georgia. He sold a Hudson sedan to a taxicab operator but retained the title against the unpaid purchase price. The cab driver was nabbed when he picked up three men who were moving 58 gallons of booze. The high court upheld the seizure.

Legal history repeated itself in March, when the Supreme Court upheld the forfeiture of an old Pontiac that had been jointly owned by John and Tina Bennis of Detroit. Tina had purchased the car with money from babysitting. One evening, instead of coming directly home from work, John detoured through a sleazy area. There he invited a prostitute into the front seat. The vice squad descended and seized the Pontiac as a public nuisance. Everyone agrees that Tina Bennis had absolutely no knowledge of what her husband was up to, but the high court ruled, 5-4, that the car was lawfully forfeited. Innocence, apparently, is no defense.

The high court does not always rule against property rights. When South Carolina abruptly changed its regulations against beach erosion, the state effectively prevented David Lucas from building a home on his own land. Overnight the market value of his beachfront lot dropped from \$975,000 to zero. He brought suit under the Fifth Amendment and won.

Also, in a 1994 Oregon case, the Court held that the city of Tigard could not compel Florence Dolan to convey land for a bicycle path as a price for getting a permit to enlarge her store. Bicycle paths may be a desirable civic amenity, but Mrs. Dolan could not be compelled to give the land on which to build them.

And this is the unifying theme here. The constitutional rule, simply put, is that the government must pay for what it takes. The afore-noted amendment bars government from forcing some individuals alone to bear public burdens that, in all fairness and justice, should be borne by the public as a whole.

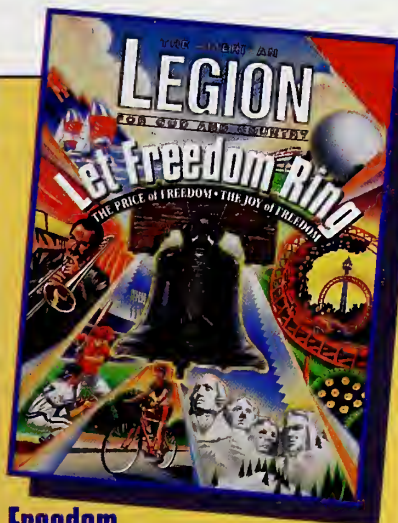
So if the government wants to accommodate ducks, or protect woodpeckers, or prevent beach erosion, very well then, let the government go to it. But not for free. ☐



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## COLOR OF LIES

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dy. For one thing, researchers unaccountably removed veterans in the exposed group who became sick or died while the research was underway. Such odd policies yielded a predictable result: Ranch Hand found no major statistical differences between the two groups.

Under increasing pressure from veterans, VA did finally agree to compensate those suffering from chloracne, a skin disease linked to dioxin. Over time, VA added more diseases to its presumptive list, and invited veterans to sign up for a free Agent Orange exam. Most veterans saw this as a grim joke, however, because VA doctors were careful not to diagnose any malady as being linked to Agent Orange. Scornful VA doctors were more likely to refer dioxin sufferers to a mental health clinic than to a cancer specialist. Through all this, no extensive studies were forthcoming from VA, the CDC or any other agency.

In 1991 the Legion sued the government, contending that Washington had not only failed to perform legitimate studies, but had also failed to explain what became of the original \$63 million in research money. The case made it to the front steps of the Supreme Court, which declined to hear it.

Another court case at about the same time involved Shirley Ivy, whose husband, Marine veteran Don Ivy, died of cancer. Like so many other Vietnam veterans and their families, Ivy had concluded that the 1984 class-action settlement set a cheap price for a human life. She refused the money and filed suit in Texas against Diamond Shamrock, another Agent Orange manufacturer.

On the surface, Ivy's case looked solid. She had filed in a court in Texas, her home state, where Diamond Shamrock also was based. And the timing was good. The small Missouri town of Times Beach recently had been contaminated by dioxin in waste oil used to keep dust down on gravel roads and animal corrals. The federal government had purchased the entire community and relocated its residents. Some of the locals had pressed successful suits for cancer deaths.

What observers underestimated

was the chemical companies' ability to maneuver through the court system. Shamrock removed the suit from Texas' jurisdiction and brought it before New York's Jack Weinstein, who promptly dismissed it. His actions drew fire from a number of state attorneys general as being a direct and unprecedented violation of states' rights. No matter; the decision stood.

At this point another event took place that should have been an opportunity for the government to move forward in solving the Agent Orange riddle: Relations with Vietnam were normalized. This was a mixed blessing, of course, as many Vietnam veterans viewed normalization as a betrayal of Americans unaccounted-for in Southeast Asia. Even so, some good could have come of the diplomatic decision. If nothing else, Dr. Arnold Schecter thought it would ease the difficulties he encountered on his trips back and forth between the U.S. and Vietnam's own Agent Orange clinics.

Instead, normalization created a brand new set of suspicious problems.

Prior to normalization, the Vietnamese government had welcomed Schecter's visits; he had no problems returning home with blood and tissue samples and other relevant items. After normalization, says Schecter, "Vietnamese guards stopped me at a checkpoint and took my blood and tissue samples away and impounded them. This had never happened before and by the time I got them back, they were ruined."

### Still No Answers

Schecter's puzzling experience raises more of the troubling questions that have dogged the Agent Orange mystery for more than three decades. Why would the Vietnamese government seize such vital research necessities *after* normalization? Were deals cut when normalization was being debated? What would it cost the federal government in damages if Vietnam demanded reparations for its hundreds of thousands of citizens exposed to defoliants?

Would the Vietnamese government be willing to trade such reparations for entrance into the lucrative international trade market?

If such questions defy answers, one thing is utterly certain: Agent Orange continues to kill and maim. As recently as May 1996, a Rhode Island electrical worker who developed cancer years after using Agent Orange to clear foliage around high tension lines

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successfully sued Dow chemical for \$1.2 million.

Dow plans to appeal, but the overriding point is, many changes would take place in the compensation arena *if veterans could only get their cases heard.*

Perhaps Phil Kallas sums it up best: "Long after we are dead, there will still be concern. Somebody knows more than they are telling.

"I would like to see everybody get on the same page with these studies. I would like my daughter to have as full a life as possible and for the responsible parties—the government or chemical companies—to at least admit they were responsible and help the victims enter into society.

"Mostly, though, I want a guarantee that this will never ever happen again." □



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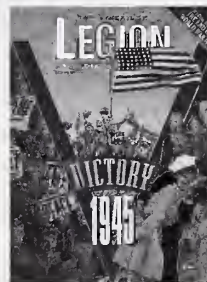
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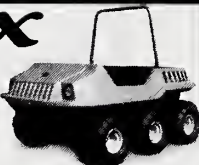
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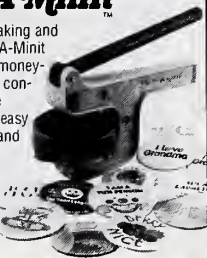
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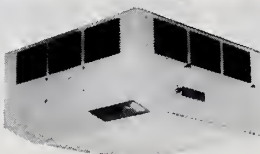
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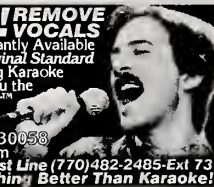
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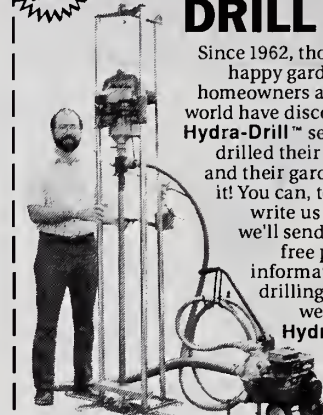
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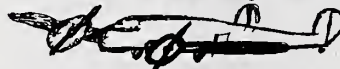
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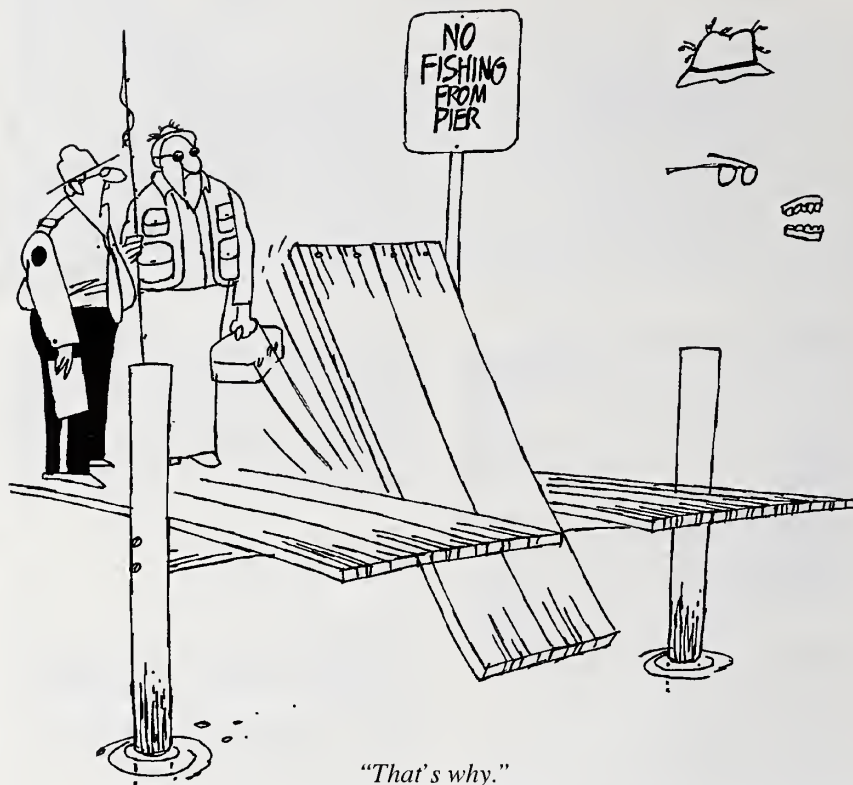
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